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Trans lover of Charlie Kirk's 'killer' reveals in courtroom:

TYLER CONFESSED TO ME

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ELON IS RED SET ON MARS

Eyes launch in '26 for build materials first

By WILL ZIMMERMAN

Elon Musk aims to have rockets blast off from Earth before the end of 2026 sending the first materials to the moon and Mars to start building colonies.

The world's first trillionaire is then planning to send robots to prepare the infrastructure needed for humans to survive.

Musk said recently he has shifted SpaceX's focus as it is closer and "much faster to complete a moon city," with a timeline of getting it established in the next 10 years. However, he is optimistic he can also start sending material to the red planet within seven years, too.

This week, Musk also filed applications with the Federal Communications Commission for the next stage of his plan: sending a "constellation" of 100,000 satellites into space.

Satellites are key

SpaceX said this will improve communications between Earth and space and provide the computing power needed for billions of AI-powered devices — at home and on the moon.

"If you've got a really capable AI system, are you going to embed that in every robot? No, you're going to have centralized compute — that's what these satellites are for," SpaceX founding team member Jim Cantrell told The Post.

"The robots build the settlement before the humans show up," he added. "And unless Musk does something stupid or somebody kills him, [he'll live to see it all]."

The plan progressed Thursday when SpaceX launched 29 Starlink satellites into low-Earth orbit using its Falcon 9 reusable rocket, which so far has made 36 return flights.

However, to launch the heavy machinery needed to build settlements beyond Earth, Musk has also said on X he's planning to engineer a much bigger transport rocket than even his Starship model.

His latest forecast is that the first self-sustaining cities will be up and running on the red planet between 2045 and 2055.

Getting millions of tons of goods out of Earth's atmosphere and into space is not going to be easy.

Starship — SpaceX's fully reusable, super-heavy-lift rocket — has demonstrated it can launch, return and stage separations but has not yet successfully demonstrated orbital refueling.

"Affordable, round-trip transportation capabilities [are one of the first big challenges]," said Les Johnson, formerly the chief technology officer at NASA's George Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala.

Once those benchmarks are met, the vehicle still needs to prove itself reliable enough to accomplish the kind of heavy freighting necessary for colonization. Undeterred, Musk has said he wants to make launches every few days.

Moon for practice

Musk's ultimate goal is to colonize Mars, but the moon will be his proving ground. For one, it's a lot easier to reach, as the trip takes about three days, rather than the estimated six months to reach our closest neighboring planet.

"If something goes wrong, people can get home quickly and you can get spare parts quickly," Johnson said. "You go through all those learning processes on the moon so you don't have to worry when you get to Mars," said Johnson, who is also a sci-fi author.

Those processes are extensive. After transporting the cargo, there is unpacking it, generating power — easy via solar panels, but only while on the part of the moon facing the sun — setting up water and oxygen and constructing habitats.

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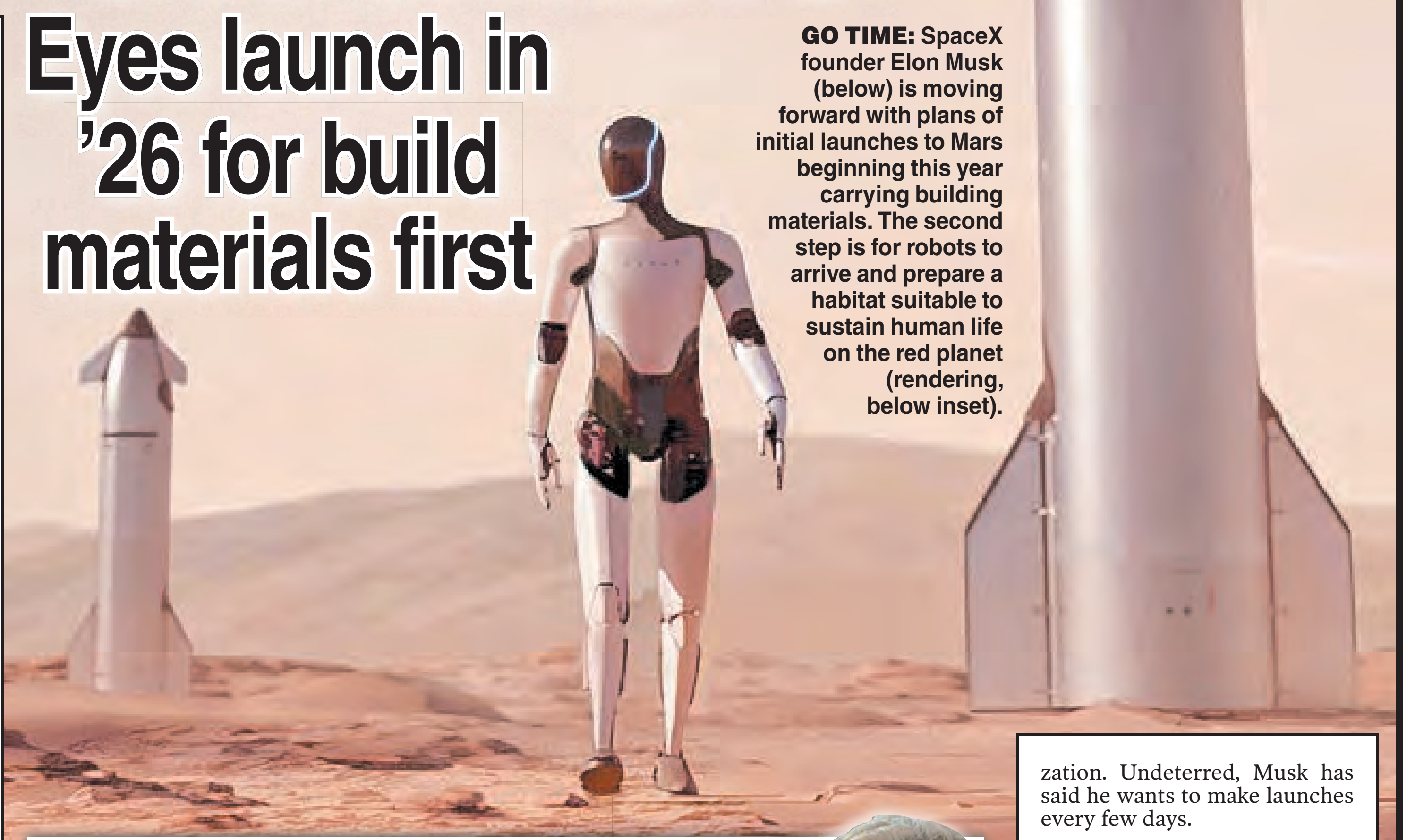

Courtesy of SpaceX

GO TIME: SpaceX founder Elon Musk (below) is moving forward with plans of initial launches to Mars beginning this year carrying building materials. The second step is for robots to arrive and prepare a habitat suitable to sustain human life on the red planet (rendering, below inset).

Courtesy of SpaceX

THE CHARLIE KIRK ASSASSINATION

LOVER: TYLER

Trans roomie bombshell: Said it 3 times

By JARED DOWNING

Charlie Kirk's accused killer Tyler Robinson confessed three times to murdering the conservative leading light, according to a bombshell video from Robinson's trans lover — including after Tyler sneaked back to their Utah love nest.

Lance Twiggs, who was seen speaking publicly for the first time Thursday in a pre-recorded deposition, told investigators he awoke the day after the Sept. 10 assassination to Robinson walking around their apartment, before Tyler broke down and declared he "wishes he hadn't done it" and that he was about to turn himself in.

Robinson's confessions, in a letter to Twiggs, text messages and in person — all shown in court during a preliminary hearing — offered the strongest picture yet of how the accused lone gunman described carrying out the murder at Utah Valley University and even made crude jokes about it.

Kirk's widow, Erika, pleaded with the judge for the full public release of Twiggs' interview with prosecutors — arguing it would end the noxious conspiracy theories about the murder of the Turning Point USA founder.

She broke down in tears in the courtroom as callous text messages that Robinson sent to Twiggs — whom Tyler called by his trans furry name "Luna" — were read out.

In one missive, Robinson, 23, mused that his grandfather's old .30-06 hunting rifle "does just fine." He also joked about seeing a crude trans sex meme he carved into the ammo on Fox News, according to the exchange.

Robinson, who has sat stoically through the proceedings all week, appeared stressed as the video of his lover came on screen, nervously touching his forehead.

Twiggs — who is not accused of wrongdoing — was granted limited immunity for his testimony by the US Attorney's Office and the Utah County Attorney's Office.

Twiggs showed up to the video deposition in a coat and tie, but was casually chewing gum as he described the harrowing events — until he was instructed to spit it out.

Twiggs was Robinson's roommate and lover in the town of St. George — located about three hours from the Utah Valley University campus.

Roommates

Twiggs, 22, said he first got to know his future beau when Robinson moved into his apartment as a roommate. The arrangement soon blossomed into a romance that revolved around their love of video games and an insider chatroom on a private Discord server.

The first confession came immediately after Kirk was killed in front of thousands of people at an event in UVU in Orem.

Twiggs described getting what was apparently a pre-scheduled text message from Robinson shortly after the killing telling him, "Drop what you are doing, look under my keyboard."

"what?????????????" Twiggs responded, followed by "you're joking right????"

"F*** I TRIED TO DELETE THAT," Robinson allegedly responded.

There, Twiggs found a letter from Robinson addressed to "Luna" in which the accused killer said "I had the opportunity to take out Charlie Kirk and I'm going to take it."

Later during text exchanges, Robinson further talked about the shooting and his attempts to retrieve the bolt-action Mauser rifle he ditched as he fled the scene, according to prosecutors.

"shouldn't be long until I can come home, but I gotta grab my rifle still. to be honest I had hoped to keep this secret till I died of old age. I am sorry to involve you," Robinson allegedly wrote.

"you werent the one who did it right????" Twiggs responded, to which Robinson allegedly replied, "I am, I'm sorry."

Finally, Twiggs described Robinson's alleged regret when they spoke in person on Sept. 11 — one day after Kirk was killed.

"Did he talk about what he had done?" Utah County prosecutor Ryan McBride asked.

"Didn't go into detail . . . I just asked him in person if what he said was true the night before, and he said it was . . . started crying a little bit, and said he wishes he hadn't done it," Twiggs said during the recorded interview with investigators.

". . . eventually he said he would talk to his parents or turn himself over," Twiggs said.

Robinson rarely spoke about LGBTQ+ issues and was more interested in President Trump and his policies, Twiggs said near the end of his video testimony.

"I personally had never heard him talk about Charlie Kirk before specifically," Twiggs said.

Twiggs also testified that — around one month before Kirk's

FESSED UP

COURT SWEAT: Tyler Robinson (above), accused of assassinating Charlie Kirk (seen left moments before the slaying), listens in court Thursday as roommate Lance Twiggs (right) in a pre-recorded deposition reveals that Tyler repeatedly confessed to the heinous crime.

death, at most — Robinson asked if they had a Dremel engraver tool.

"I don't remember exactly when, but he had said he was planning to go hunting with his family and he asked me . . . if we had like a Dremel, because he said he wanted to engrave messages on bullets," he said.

Match on testimony

A state investigator said Twiggs' testimony matched an early police interview conducted on Sept. 12, 2025.

Twiggs was shown personal texts, Discord messages and a handwritten note allegedly from Robinson, said Brian Davis of the Utah State Bureau of Investigation.

Charlie Kirk, was fatally shot in the neck during the Turning Point USA event at Utah Valley University.

Robinson's defense had pushed to keep media from broadcasting the video and text messages out of court, arguing that they would violate their client's rights and prejudice the jury pool.

Erika Kirk joined prosecutors in urging the court to let the exhibits be shown in full.

"The Kirk family has waited 10 months for this hearing . . . They have a right to see and feel what's going on in this courtroom," attorney Jeffrey Neiman said to the judge.

"To be here and not to see the evidence — what's the point of being here?"

The Kirk family has sought to finally shut down rampant conspiracy theories from influencer Candace Owens and others surrounding Charlie Kirk's death.

Videos that prosecutors showed in court Tuesday allegedly trace Robinson's exact movements at Utah Valley University on the day of the shooting.

Prosecutors also presented FBI analysis they claim links Robinson with DNA on a towel used to hide the rifle.

DNA likely matching both him and Twiggs was also found on a screwdriver left where Robinson allegedly positioned himself for the fatal shot, witnesses testified in the hearing set to end on Friday.

Robinson, now 23, has not yet entered a plea. He faces the death penalty if convicted.

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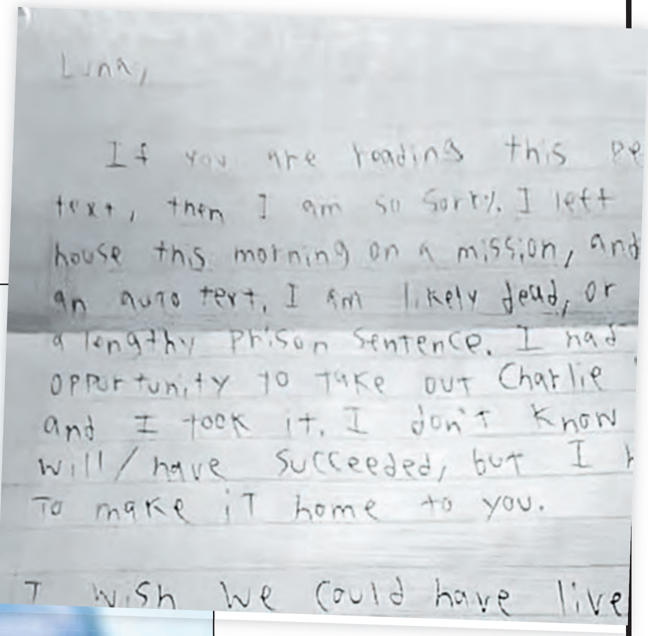

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text, then I am so Sorry. I left
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an auto text. I am likely dead, or
a lengthy Prison Sentence. I had
opportunity to take out Charlie
and I took it. I don't know
will/ have Succeeded, but I
To make iT home to you.

I wish we could have live

'Tell all' note aired at hearing in error

A note from Tyler Robinson to his trans partner was accidentally broadcast in court Thursday — revealing handwritten text in which Robinson allegedly confesses to killing Charlie Kirk.

"I had the opportunity to take out Charlie Kirk, and I took it. I don't know if I will/have succeeded, but I had hoped to make it home to you," reads the letter, which flashed briefly in a courtroom during Robinson's preliminary hearing on Thursday.

Robinson, 23, hid the note under his computer keyboard for Lance Twiggs, 22, to find after Kirk was dead, Twiggs claimed in video testimony with prosecutors.

"If you are reading this per my text, then I am so sorry. I left the house this morning on a mission, and set an auto text," reads the letter.

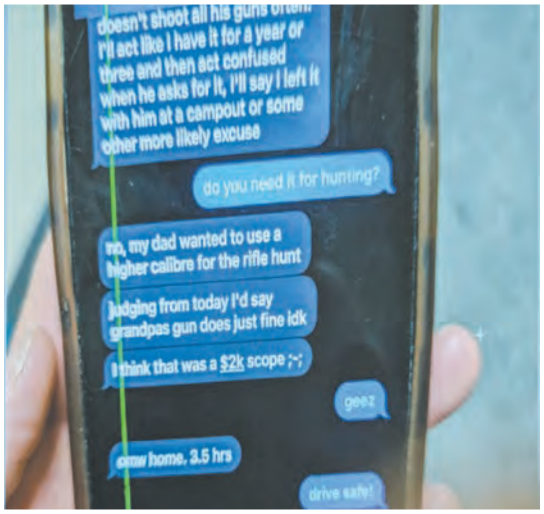
District Judge Tony Graf had barred direct images of the letter from being shown to media cameras even though authorities had already released the text to media shortly after Robinson's arrest.

"Let me stop you, Mr. McBride. I'm not sure, is this being broadcast?" Graf asked prosecutor Ryan McBride after the letter appeared on the camera feed.

"Let's take that down," McBride answered.

Jared Downing

GUN DOING 'JUST FINE'



doesn't shoot all his guns often. I'll act like I have it for a year or three and then act confused when he asks for it, I'll say I left it with him at a campout or some other more likely excuse

do you need it for hunting?

no, my dad wanted to use a higher calibre for the rifle hunt

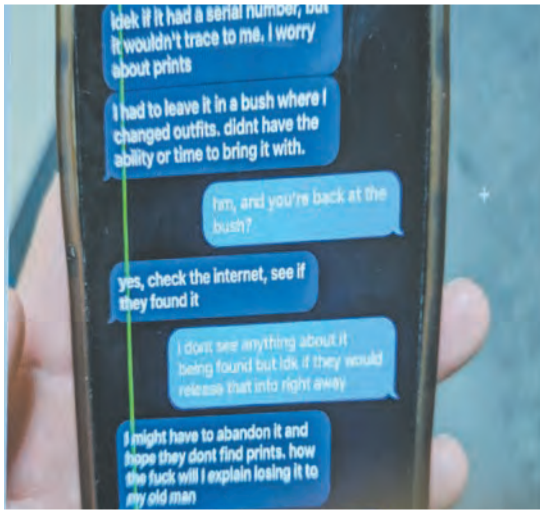
judging from today I'd say grandpas gun does just fine idk

I think that was a $2k scope ;-;

geez

omw home. 3.5 hrs

drive safe!



idek if it had a serial number, but it wouldn't trace to me. I worry about prints

I had to leave it in a bush where I changed outfits. didnt have the ability or time to bring it with.

hm, and you're back at the bush?

yes, check the internet, see if they found it

I dont see anything about it being found but idk if they would release that info right away

I might have to abandon it and hope they dont find prints. how the fuck will I explain losing it to my old man

By NATALIE O'NEILL

Kirk 'killer's chilling text brag to lover

Tyler Robinson boasted in a text message to his trans lover that the gun he used to allegedly kill Charlie Kirk worked "just fine," according to chilling text messages presented by prosecutors Thursday.

In the exchange, Robinson, 23, first told Lance Twiggs that the rifle belonged to his grandfather and said he was worried about whether cops would trace its four-digit serial number back to him, according to a text dated shortly after the Sept. 10, 2025, shooting.

He wrote that the weapon is old but "judging from today, I'd say grandpas gun does just fine."

As Robinson's hearing unfolded Thursday, prosecutors revealed another text exchange between Robinson and Twiggs, in which they allegedly discussed Robinson ditching the gun.

Robinson circled back to the scene of the murder and sat in his car for around an hour, waiting for a chance to recover the rifle, according to the texts.

"I had to leave it in a bush where I changed outfits. Didn't have time to bring it," Robinson texted Twiggs on Sept. 10.

Experts on DNA match

Robinson then asked Twiggs to delete the exchange, and the pair discussed whether the rifle could be traced to Robinson's family, the texts show.

The pair also spoke about Robinson returning to the Utah Valley University campus to find the weapon.

"Gonna see of [sic] the road closer to campus is open, so I can drive past and check s--t out. Probably still closed off tho," Robinson wrote. "Getting worried, hard to know for sure but I'm not finding my rifle, could be in the wrong spot."

"Do you think they found it," Twiggs replied.

DNA believed to match the alleged assassin was taken from a towel Robinson allegedly used to hide the rifle, forensic experts testified Tuesday.

The 23-year-old's DNA was also taken from a screwdriver found on the roof near the spot where authorities claim he shot Kirk who was debating students outdoors at the college.

Two experts, one from the state of Utah and another from the FBI, confirmed the lab report during the second day of the hearing to determine if Robinson will stand trial.

'It was me'

In a later stunning exchange shared in court Thursday, Robinson freaked out over a text he sent about his alleged confession note under his keyboard.

"Look under my keyboard," he wrote, before Twiggs responded, "You're joking, right?"

"F--K I TRIED TO DELETE THAT," Robinson replied in all caps.

Robinson also confessed that he had been planning the incident for "a bit over a week," according to the texts presented by prosecutors.

When Twiggs asked his lover if he was the one "who did it," Robinson responded, "I am, I'm so sorry."

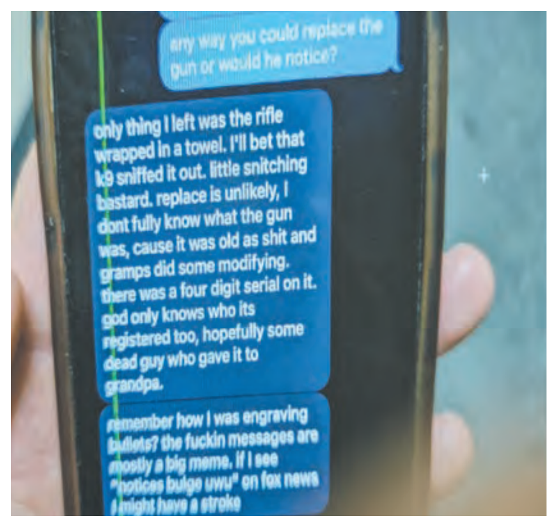
"I had enough of his hatred. some (sic) hate can't be negotiated out," Robinson wrote.

Prosecutors also presented a message on the instant messaging social platform Discord, in which they claim Robinson confessed.

In the communications, the alleged killer insisted to his pals that "it was me."

"Look at the photos from the surveillance footage. It was me," he wrote, according to the exchange shown in court Thursday.

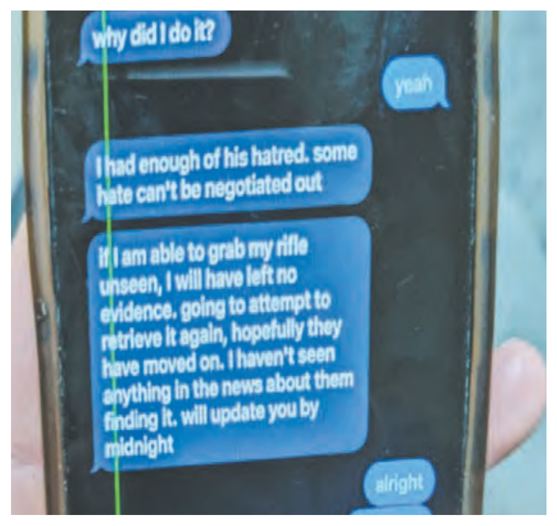
Robinson is accused of gun-



any way you could replace the gun or would he notice?

only thing I left was the rifle wrapped in a towel. I'll bet that k9 sniffed it out. little snitching bastard. replace is unlikely, I dont fully know what the gun was, cause it was old as shit and gramps did some modifying. there was a four digit serial on it. god only knows who its registered too, hopefully some dead guy who gave it to grandpa.

remember how I was engraving bullets? the fuckin messages are mostly a big meme. If I see "notices bulge uwu" on fox news I might have a stroke



why did I do it?

yeah

I had enough of his hatred. some hate can't be negotiated out

If I am able to grab my rifle unseen, I will have left no evidence. going to attempt to retrieve it again, hopefully they have moved on. I haven't seen anything in the news about them finding it. will update you by midnight

alright

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POST-SHOOTING BOAST: At Thursday's pretrial hearing, prosecutors presented a lengthy text exchange from alleged Charlie Kirk killer Tyler Robinson (above) to his trans lover Lance Twiggs (far left). In the conversation, Robinson is captured on text saying, "judging from today, I'd say grandpas gun does just fine."

Cold-blooded ammo etching

By ZOE HUSSAIN

Accused killer Tyler Robinson spent weeks plotting how he would murder Charlie Kirk and even engraved the ammunition he used, a bombshell recording from his trans lover that was aired in court Thursday revealed.

Lance Twiggs, Robinson's ex-roommate and lover, told investigators in a pre-recorded deposition that Robinson asked if they had a Dremel engraver tool a month before he gunned down the conservative Turning Point USA co-founder because Robinson wanted to "create messages on bullets."

"I don't remember exactly when, but he had said he was planning to go hunting with his family," Twiggs said in a clip shown at the preliminary hearing.

"He asked me ... if we had, like, a Dremel ... because he said he wanted to create messages on bullets."

On Thursday, prosecutors showed those engravings found on the ammunition recovered near the rifle allegedly used in Kirk's gruesome assassination — with the gun itself loaded with a round that read, "Notices Bulge."

Other ammunition was labeled "Hey fascist" and "Catch."

Robinson also allegedly admitted to Twiggs that he had been planning to kill Kirk at the Turning Point USA event at Utah Valley University on Sept. 10, 2025, for more than a week, according to a text message chain.

"If I am able to grab my rifle unseen, I will have left no evidence ... going to attempt to retrieve it again, hopefully they have moved on," Robinson said. "I haven't seen anything in the news about them finding it."

"Alright ... stay safe," Twiggs said. "How long have you been planning this?"

"A bit over a week I believe. I can get close to [the Kirk event] but there is a squad car parked right by it," Robinson replied.

ning down the 31-year-old Kirk who was speaking to a crowd of more than 3,000 people as part of his conservative organization, Turning Point USA.

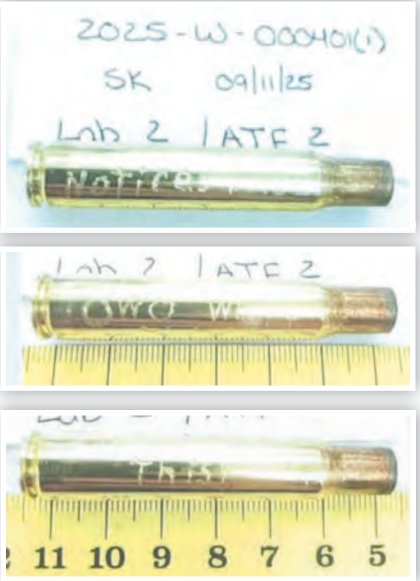
Utah Department of Public Safety Sgt. Jennifer Faumuina testified Thursday that the fatal shot came from a rooftop perch about 415 feet from where Kirk was speaking.

Political motive?

Prosecutors, who are seeking the death penalty, argue that the text messages prove Robinson targeted Kirk because of his conservative political views, including anti-LGBTQ comments.

The defense, however, has fought to limit the use of evidence pointing to a political motive, which could be used in arguments for the death penalty.

Robinson, who was studying to be an electrician at the time of the shooting, faces seven criminal charges, including aggravated murder. He has yet to enter a plea. *With Wires*



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Sex 'bulge' written on killer bullet

Tyler Robinson allegedly etched a sick sex joke into the bullet that killed Charlie Kirk — and then mused about Fox News having to explain it after the assassination, according to text messages to his trans lover revealed Thursday.

The hunting rifle recovered near Utah Valley University — where Kirk was killed on Sept. 10 — was loaded with a spent round that read, "Notices Bulge/OwO/What's This?" according to evidence presented at a preliminary hearing in the case in Utah County court.

"If I see 'uwu notices bulge' on fox new [sic] I might have a stroke," Robinson allegedly texted his partner Lance Twiggs — whom his friends knew as Luna — in an exchange shown to the court.

The engraving was a meme used in transgender and "furry" subculture, a reference to being surprised by genitalia when someone is dressed up in an animal costume or in drag. It's a reference to a meme that's understood only by people who are chronically online, experts have told The Post.

Other recovered ammunition was labeled with references to popular video games. One said, "Hey fascist catch!" with arrows for code to summon a bomb in the game "Helldivers 2."

One said, "if you read this you are gay," an officer with the Utah State Board of Investigation testified.

Another had the words, "O Bella ciao, Bella ciao, Bella ciao, Ciao, ciao" — a reference to an anti-fascist Italian song recently used in video games.

Jared Downing and Ronny Reyes

AG's sick rank vs. Med fraud

Dead last in convictions

By CARL CAMPANILE

New York Attorney General Letitia James' office ranks among the worst in the country for criminally prosecuting Medicaid fraud, according to a new analysis.

Using federal data the Empire Center for Public Policy calculated that during James' term as AG from 2019 to 2025, the state ranked 49th for criminal investigations per billion of Medicaid dollars spent.

New York ranked 51st out of all states and Washington, DC, for indictments per billion, and 51st for convictions, said Empire Center senior fellow Bill Hammond.

And billions of dollars could be at stake.

The Empire State spends $124 billion on Medicaid, the highest per resident among 50 states in fiscal year 2024 and 77% above the national average, according to the think tank.

The federal government kicks in more than half the bill for massive Medicaid costs, and cracking down on fraud, waste and abuse is a priority to help rein in spending.

The independent analysis comes after the Trump administration said it would freeze $60 million in federal funding for New York's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU), which the AG oversees, claiming weak enforcement against fraud.

'Leadership failure'

The administration, via the US Department of Health and Human Services Inspector General Thomas March Bell, accused the unit of not securing enough criminal indictments and convictions and said its federal funding would be suspended through at least Sept. 30.

"As a result of this leadership failure and poor decision making — and with billions of dollars at stake and millions of people expecting safe care for their families — the New York MFCU has been ineffective in fighting criminal cases involving Medicaid fraud or abuse or neglect of Medicaid patients," Bell wrote in a June 30 letter to James.

James' office disputed the assertion of lax enforcement, but Hammond concluded the feds were mostly correct.

"A review of the available statistics, however, suggests that Bell's criticism is well founded," Hammond said.

"The performance of James' MFCU — when adjusted for the scale of New York's $124 billion Medicaid program — ranks among the worst in the US on a range of benchmarks."

Only Alabama and Oregon ranked worse than New York for overall Medicaid investigations, while Hawaii came in first for launching such probes.

Mississippi had the highest overall indictment and conviction rate, while Nevada was top of the list for the best fraud-indictment and fraud-conviction rate specifically, according to the Empire Center analysis.

Meanwhile, New York's spending of $4,942 per resident was 24% higher than Kentucky, the next-highest-spending state, at $3,989 per resident, while the most populous state, California, came in fourth at $3,984 per resident. The national average was $2,791 per resident.

More populous Texas and Florida were among the lowest spenders on Medicaid — $1,579 per resident and $1,536 per resident, respectively.

Bottom of the barrel

US rankings for convictions in Medicaid fraud investigations

47.	Maryland
48.	Michigan
49.	New Jersey
50.	North Dakota
51.	New York

LACKING: Attorney General Letitia James' office stinks at prosecuting Medicaid fraud, according to an outside analysis.

Luiz C. Ribeiro

Fixing BQE is a 'hire' calling

The Big Apple is looking to hire a $250,000-a-year "creative" engineer who can finally save the crumbling stretch of the BQE that has three tiers pretzeled together along the Brooklyn waterfront.

The city Department of Transportation last week quietly posted a job listing for the BQE Central Assistant Commissioner — a gig that would solely focus on the 1.5-mile expanse of the highway that contains an infamous disintegrating "triple cantilever."

"Be a part of addressing the condition of the BQE Central section (aka triple cantilever) once and for all. This is an urgent infrastructure priority project, and leading that effort is a career-defining opportunity," DOT Commissioner Mike Flynn posted on LinkedIn.

The BQE czar will be paid up to $250,000 to solve the decades-long problem of the storied highway, which is stacked below the Brooklyn Heights Promenade.

The tiered highway has been in danger of collapsing under the weight of its daily 130,000 vehicles for years, with then-Mayor Bill de Blasio saying in 2018 that the structure could crumble by 2026 if the infrastructure wasn't addressed.

The DOT proposed building a temporary roadway atop the promenade — on city parkland — while the BQE is rebuilt, but the plan was shelved due to backlash from residents.

According to the listing, the new boss will oversee a team of eight others also dedicated to the sliver of roadway. *Katherine Donlevy*

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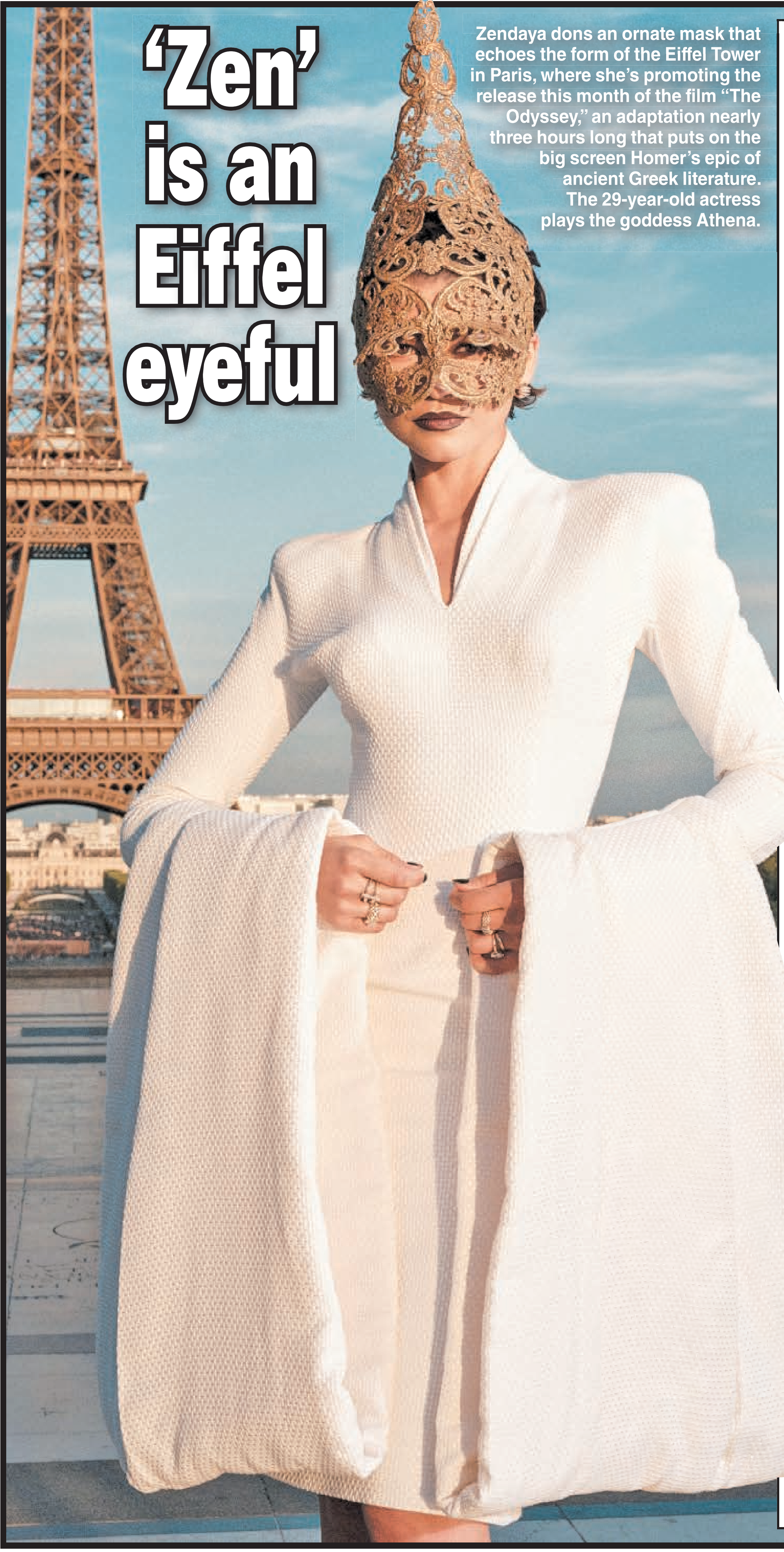

Zendaya dons an ornate mask that echoes the form of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, where she’s promoting the release this month of the film “The Odyssey,” an adaptation nearly three hours long that puts on the big screen Homer’s epic of ancient Greek literature. The 29-year-old actress plays the goddess Athena.

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HI-RISE AFTER ‘MATH’

Area business down

By XAVIER SERRANO, GEORGETT ROBERTS and MATT TROUTMAN

They’re buckling up to return.

Evacuees ordered to stay away from a Midtown high-rise with buckling beams kept trickling back to their hotels and jobs Thursday, although lingering frustrations — and closures — remained.

A trio of Scottish tourists — Lucy McCarron, Collette Miller and Nicole Murrey — were only allowed to return to the Westin Hotel late Wednesday, a day after they learned the building near Grand Central was being evacuated.

The misadventure left them scrambling and $2,000 out of pocket for a new hotel, which they said Westin didn’t pick up.

“We checked in on the seventh of July, and then we stayed for one night and then we had to collect our stuff the next day,” a frustrated Murrey said.

“We had two rooms, and together the two rooms were about $1,100. One night that we had to pay on Tuesday was probably the price of the whole accommodation for the whole week.”

The dramatic evacuations Tuesday unfolded after two support beams buckled inside the former Pfizer building at 235 E. 42nd St.

Crews stabilized the shaky structure Wednesday — prompting city officials to lift most street closures — and paved the way for longer-term fixes, as well as a highly anticipated probe into the buckling’s cause.

The open streets Thursday provided plenty of room for finger-pointing by the Steamfitters Local 638 union, which held a rally along East 42nd Street arguing the largely non-union project was unsafe.

One rallying steamfitter, Sean Dow, 25, was the worker who first spotted the bending columns and raised alarms. His comrades dubbed him the “42nd Street hero.”

“I was there with a group of general contractors, and we decided it was time to evacuate the building,” he said. “In this situation, they’re calling me a hero. I don’t believe I am.”

Ready for work

Dow said he’s not getting paid as the massive office-to-apartments renovation project is paused.

“I’m ready to go to work, but I would love that documentation saying that it is safe to work in the building,” he said. “I will not be returning until I get that.”

Four surrounding buildings, plus a downstairs restaurant in a nearby edifice, remained under vacate orders.

Even with most restrictions lifted, businesses such as Sandwicherie of New York still grappled with a shutdown hangover.

The East 42nd Street sandwich shop was forced to close Tuesday and had limited hours Wednesday, as only a few people who were on the street came in.

During Thursday, the typical morning rush was just a trickle, one worker said.

“We’d have a line outside at 6 in the morning, so this is like nothing,” she said, looking around at a next-to-empty store. “Right now, there should be a line.”

A remaining street closure on East 43rd Street caused problems for a shared Budget and Avis car rental location a block away.

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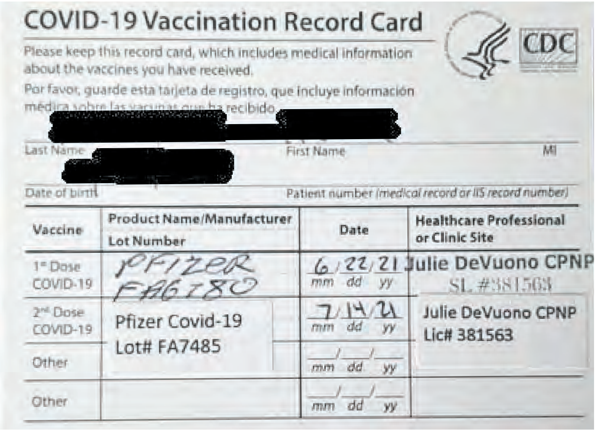

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BOGUS: Ex-Amityville nurse Julie DeVuono pleaded guilty to forgery and money laundering for selling phony vaccination cards to parents of 162 schoolkids during the COVID crisis.

Facebook

544G fine for nurse in $1.5M card scam

By BRANDON CRUZ

A former Long Island nurse who raked in $1.5 million selling fake vaccine cards during the COVID-19 pandemic was slapped with a record-breaking $544,000 fine from the state.

Ex-Amityville practitioner Julie DeVuono, 53, who pleaded guilty to forgery and money laundering in 2023, was hit with the massive penalty for a "large-scale" scheme where she hawked the phony cards to parents of 162 school-aged kids between November 2019 and January 2022, the state Department of Health announced Thursday.

"This is the largest civil penalty imposed for vaccination fraud in the Department of Health's 125-year history," Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said.

"Vaccines are the best protection against serious preventable diseases, and the New York state Department of Health has zero tolerance for those that misrepresent or falsify vaccination records as these acts put lives in jeopardy," McDonald added.

DeVuono was originally arrested in January 2022 after investigators uncovered the scheme, and pleaded guilty a year and a half later.

She avoided jail time and was instead sentenced to 840 hours of community service and five years of probation, and had to forfeit $1.2 million, much of which had already been seized from her home, along with ledgers documenting the profits.

Co-defendants testify

Her guilty plea also came after two co-defendants originally charged in the scheme, Marissa Urraro, a licensed practical nurse, and receptionist Brooke Hogan reached a secret agreement to testify against their ex-boss, The Post previously reported.

DeVuono, who owned Wild Child Pediatric Center in Amityville, received free shipments of 3,174 vaccine doses through the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but charged customers $220 to $350 for each dose falsely marked on a vax card for adults — and $85 for kids — then tossed the vaccine in the trash.

The former nurse also laundered $236,980 from the scheme to pay off the mortgage on a home she shared with her husband, an NYPD cop, according to Suffolk County District Attorney Ray Tierney.

"[DeVuono's] abuse of authority preyed upon the fears and mistrust of the public during the COVID shutdown to forge COVID cards for the vaccine she never administered, in pursuit of no other purpose than her own enrichment," Tierney said after DeVuono pleaded guilty.

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Italians: *Fuhget* about that map

People from the boot got the boot!

The City Council's Italian Caucus demanded Mayor Mamdani amend his new immigrant enclaves map — which ignored Little Italy and other Italian-American areas of the five boroughs.

The caucus fumed Thursday over Mamdani's map, which didn't list Italian enclaves — or big Irish and Jewish neighborhoods — but spotlighted 30 other areas, including Little Palestine, Koreatown, Little Pakistan and Little Odessa.

"You cannot tell the story of immigrant New York while airbrushing out one of the city's most recognizable and historically significant immigrant communities," the caucus said in a statement Thursday, calling the omission "incomplete at best and insulting at worst."

The caucus said the Mamdani administration should work with historians and community groups on the next version of the map.

"Italian Americans are not a footnote in the history of New York," the group added. "We are one of the city's foundational immigrant communities, and our neighborhoods, churches, small businesses, feast traditions, civic institutions and family networks helped build modern New York."

A City Hall spokesperson said Wednesday the map was designed to "highlight neighborhoods in New York City that have substantial foreign-born populations from regions and countries around the world."

Haley Brown

Hunt for Queens kid-rapist

Police are searching for a long-haired, purse-carrying creep who raped a teen boy in a quiet Queens neighborhood last month.

A 15-year-old boy was approached by an unidentified individual in the back of a home on Austin Street between 75th Avenue and 75th Road in Forest Hills just after 9:30 p.m. on June 4, according to the NYPD.

The suspect then sexually assaulted the boy and fled the scene on foot, heading north on 75th Street, cops said.

The teen was taken to NYC Health and Hospitals/Queens in stable condition, police added.

Cops released multiple pictures (one at left) of the suspect, who is described as having a medium complexion, medium build, and long black hair.

Zoe Hussain

Arrest in church firebomb

Video shows a suspect chucking a Molotov cocktail at a Queens church late Wednesday — shortly before he threw a firebomb at another religious building blocks away and got busted.

The 36-year-old firebug — now set to face federal charges, according to sources — was seen outside of the Iglesia Bautista El Mesias church on 75th Street in Ozone Park just before 11 p.m. talking with three men before he lit the Molotov cocktail and threw it over the gate at the front door. The bottle exploded and started a fire, the footage shows.

He walked less than a mile to the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses on 78th Street in Woodhaven and threw another Molotov cocktail at the front door, which smashed and sparked a blaze.

The FDNY doused the flames at both locations and no serious damage or injuries were reported, cops said.

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Israel waits in the wings

By CAITLIN DOORNBOS

Israel is willing to join future US attacks on Iran should Washington seek help after President Trump declared the cease-fire with Tehran "over," sources in Jerusalem told The Post.

"We've proved that we stand with the US," one source said. "I'm not sure it will be the interest of them — of the US that Israel will join on this — but, you know, we realize that we need to stretch our muscles."

"We're willing to do it again, if needed," the person added.

Trump authorized a second day of strikes on Iran on Wednesday hours after unleashing a torrent of fiery criticism at the Islamist regime — calling Iran's leadership "scum," "evil," "loco," and "sick people" at the annual NATO summit.

Roughly 90 targets were struck that evening — up from about 80 on Tuesday — with a target list including missile and drone launch sites, Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps command sites, air defense and radar locations and logistics infrastructure such as railways.

Israel joined the US in launching the war on Feb. 28 — which wiped out Iran's ruling leadership and hit critical targets — but Trump and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had been at odds over when and how to stop the fighting that also expanded to Lebanon.

Israel so far has not joined in, but Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz told reporters on Thursday that the Israel Defense Forces is "prepared to strike Iran for the third time — and with greater force than before" if warranted.

No word from Bibi

Nitsana Leitner, founder of the prominent Israel Law Center and connected to sources in the Israeli government, echoed that if the United States calls on Israel to stand with it against the Iranian regime, "Israel will be there — not with words, but with action and real military cooperation."

Still, the Jerusalem source noted Israel is "not eager to go back to the day when people have to go to shelters," referencing the early days of the war that saw Tehran regularly lobbing missiles and drones indiscriminately at the Jewish state.

Netanyahu has not yet publicly commented about the new airstrikes, but has long warned Iran cannot be trusted — and last month declared that Israel will strike Iran "whenever necessary."

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Reuters; Getty Images

Supreme destruction

Iran has given the world its first glimpse inside the bombed-out compound where Ayatollah Ali Khamenei (left) was killed in a US-Israel airstrike at the start of the war.

The Iranian regime released a 50-second video showing the destruction left by the blast as part of a six-day funeral for the 86-year-old. The gutted interior of the compound is barely recognizable as a structure, the Feb. 28 missile strikes stripping it down to support beams and rebar. *Chris Nesi*

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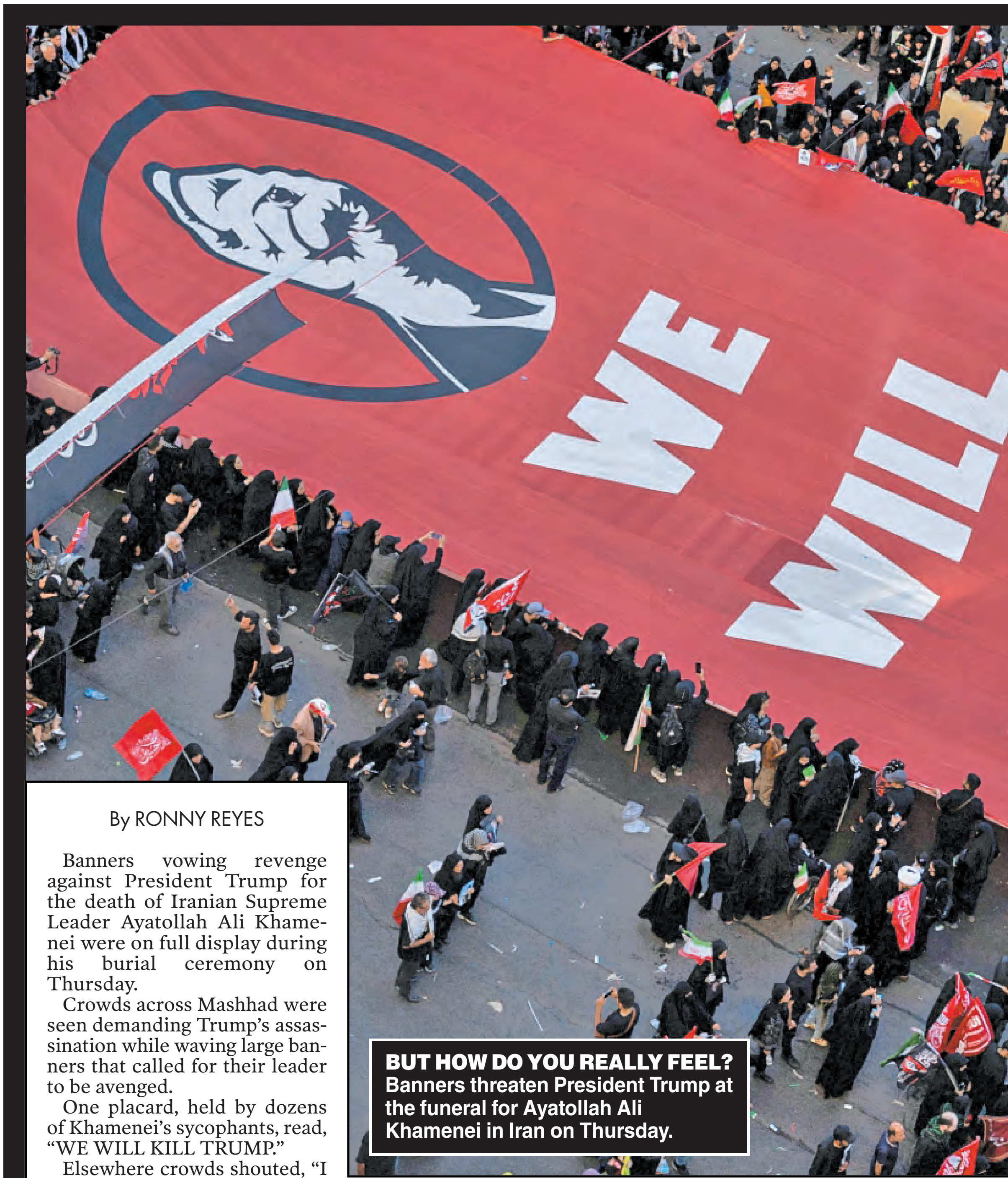


BUT HOW DO YOU REALLY FEEL?
Banners threaten President Trump at the funeral for Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in Iran on Thursday.

By RONNY REYES

Banners vowing revenge against President Trump for the death of Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei were on full display during his burial ceremony on Thursday.

Crowds across Mashhad were seen demanding Trump's assassination while waving large banners that called for their leader to be avenged.

One placard, held by dozens of Khamenei's sycophants, read, "WE WILL KILL TRUMP."

Elsewhere crowds shouted, "I swear by the blood of the Supreme Leader, Trump, we will kill you!"

The message echoes ongoing threats mourners have displayed during Khamenei's weeklong funeral procession across Iran.

The signs all vowed revenge against Trump, Vice President JD Vance, Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for Khamenei's death.

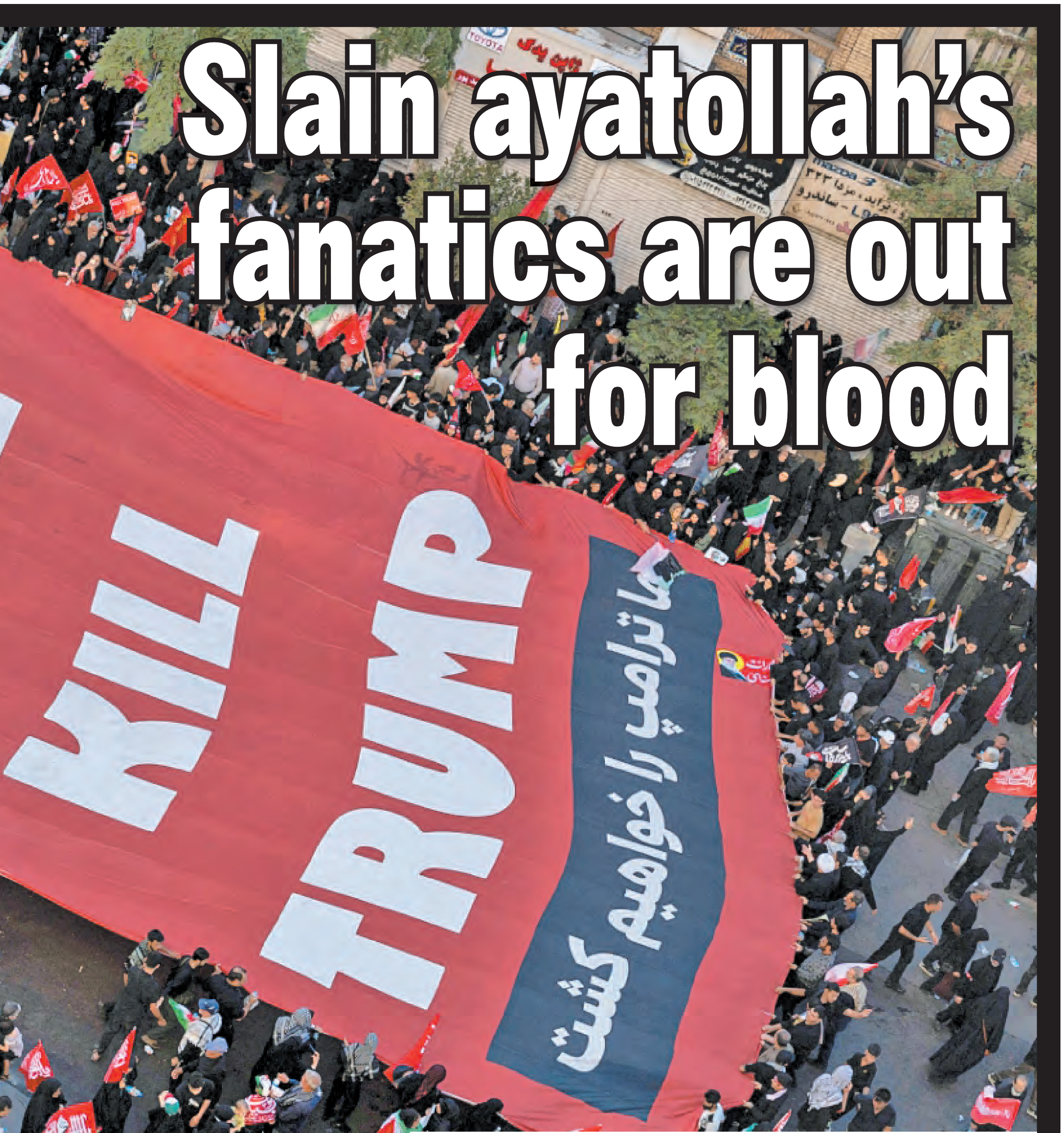
Israel recently shared intelligence with the US about a new Iranian plot to assassinate Trump, according to a report. The latest assassination plan, reported by The Wall Street Journal on Thursday, comes after years of Iranian regime threats to kill Trump as revenge for the 2020 killing of Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Gen. Qasem Soleimani.

Khamenei was killed in Israeli strikes in the opening salvo of attacks against Iran on Feb. 28. The bombing also killing several family members and

THE BATTLE FOR IRAN

PITCHING STRIKES

Slain ayatollah's fanatics are out for blood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wounded his son and current leader, Mojtaba Khamenei, who has yet to be seen in public.

The bodies of Khamenei and his four relatives who were killed alongside him have been paraded through Tehran, the holy city of Qom and the Iraqi shrine cities of Najaf and Karbala. *With Post Wires*

Hey TRUMP We will kill You

Reuters (2)

Don's set to go for weeks

AFP via Getty

By STEVEN NELSON
and JOSH CHRISTENSON

ANKARA, Turkey — The US is prepared for resumed attacks on Iran to last days or even weeks should Tehran continue its strikes in the Strait of Hormuz and beyond, as President Trump is resolved not to let the "sick" regime go unchecked.

Trump's restarted military campaign is being described internally by some administration officials as a "bitch slap" to the Islamic Republic — after Trump in May called airstrikes a "love tap" when Tehran previously attacked ships in the key waterway.

How long the bombing campaign lasts is based heavily on Iran's response, sources told The Post. On his way back from the NATO summit in Turkey late Wednesday, Trump said he didn't know if it would become full-scale war but added, "we'd win it very quickly."

Painful but brief

The framing of the attacks as a "bitch slap" conveys the internal estimation by some administration officials that the onslaught will be painful but brief barring further escalation from Tehran.

"He still wants this thing to be over. But if Iran is shooting at ships, he's not just gonna sit there and do nothing," a source close to the White House told The Post.

A former White House official said that "Trump is not coordinating with anyone . . . he's going with his gut."

Trump threatened to rain down hell on the "scum" and "liars" in Iran Wednesday and referred to the regime leaders as "loco" and "sick."

He said the war's three-month cease-fire and the recent memorandum of understanding are "over," and threatened infrastructure attacks, a renewed blockade, and seizing Kharg Island.

Some senior officials were surprised by his fiery rhetoric, but "they are not frustrated because they agree with his new hard line," the former White House official said.

'Almost impossible'

"This is all Trump, exactly as he likes it. [It is] almost impossible to tell what his next move is until he makes the decision himself."

Meanwhile, the latest military action has been dubbed "Operation Bitch Slap" by a cohort of Trump's advisers.

The name is "colloquial," unlike the name "Operation Epic Fury" for the broader war, sources said.

The term is being used in conversations and emails by senior Trump officials, three sources with direct knowledge told The Post.

Other sources noted that it's not pervasive and said they were unaware of its use.

Trump has given himself significant room to maneuver by outlining a menu of options ranging from devastating sustained fighting to resumed negotiations by his team, including Vice President JD Vance, special envoy Steve Witkoff and first son-in-law Jared Kushner, "if they want."

During the second night of renewed hostilities, the US military expanded targets to include a rail bridge near the Turkmenistan border, severing a key transportation corridor to China and Russia, the Iranian Fars News Agency reported.

Shady foreign affairs

Mam official scheduled meet with Iran rep

CANCELED: After the State Department got wind of a scheduled meeting this week between Mayor Mamdani official Ana Maria Archila (right) and Iranian UN rep Amir-Saeid Iravani (left), it was called off.

G.N.Miller/NYPost; ZUMAPRESS.com; William Farrington for The NY Post

ADAM LEHODEY

THE top official in Mayor Mamdani's Office for International Affairs made plans to meet with Iran's ambassador and permanent representative to the United Nations.

Commissioner Ana María Archila was scheduled to meet with Amir-Saeid Iravani, Iran's permanent representative to the United Nations, at 2 United Nations Plaza, alongside two other senior officials in the mayor's Office for International Affairs, on Tuesday morning — this according to screenshots of a calendar invitation reviewed by City Journal and confirmed by a source connected to the international affairs community and another familiar with Achila's office.

Another official within the State Department also confirmed awareness of the Mamdani administration's impending engagement.

The meeting between Archila and Iravani was called off after the State Department — which was not informed ahead of time — met with the Mamdani administration to clarify acceptable conduct, according to the State Department official.

City Journal learned that Commissioner Archila allegedly did not inform the mayor of the meeting. She was reprimanded for the move and directed to cancel the meeting, according to the source familiar with the office.

"This meeting did not and will not take place," a spokesperson with the mayor's Office for International Affairs said in a statement.

The Iranian mission did not return multiple requests for comment.

Unusual choice

The development continues Archila's and the Mamdani administration's ongoing use of public resources to advance an agenda that extends well beyond New York City.

On April 16, a message seen by City Journal was sent to staff within the mayor's Office for International Affairs asking them to prioritize diplomatic engagement in part based on whether foreign officials "are . . . in political alignment/leftist."

The message confirms previous reporting by El País, noting that Archila has "focused . . . on deepening relations with foreign leaders who share Mamdani's worldview."

New York City officials did not originally envision the mayor's Office for International Affairs as a means of shaping foreign policy.

Its purpose is to exchange best practices with other global cities, bring foreign businesses to New York and support city government's relationship with the entire diplomatic community residing in New York City — without regard to political ideology or party.

That makes Archila, who has no prior diplomatic experience, an unusual choice for the role.

Mamdani appointed her as commissioner after she had an exhaustive career in activism.

She served as co-director of the progressive Working Families Party, whose official position is that the war in Iran "can and must be stopped."

The Mamdani administration has been notably vocal on foreign policy.

The mayor himself has spoken out about US and Israeli strikes against Iran, describing them as a "catastrophic escalation in an illegal act of war of aggression."

He has also been frequently and explicitly critical of the state of Israel, an opposition he says is based on dislike for any state that "privileges one religion over another" — a description that also covers the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The administration's international ambitions have not been limited to public comments.

Last month, Mamdani intended to meet with leftist Colombian President Gustavo Petro — but the meeting was called off after the State Department declined to issue a visa following Petro's attendance at a rally hosted by Mamdani in September.

Judgment issue

Achila's international meetings have included a two-day trip to Barcelona in April to participate in a conference hosted by the Party of European Socialists.

That Achila's meeting with Iranian officials was even contemplated raises questions about her judgment — and about the administration's priorities.

Her office's loosely defined mission is to promote a more "equitable and inclusive society" and strengthen New York City's position as a global leader.

It's more than a stretch to suggest that a meeting with representatives of a country with whom the United States is engaged in hostilities — and with whom it has no diplomatic relations — would help achieve those ends.

Adam Lehodey is an investigative reporter at City Journal. Reprinted with permission.

BOE hit on info sharing

The City Council speaker threatened to subpoena the Department of Education after the agency refused to share information on $12.9 million worth of no-bid contracts under questions about one particular shady deal, The Post has learned.

Schools Chancellor Kamar Samuels, who is being probed over signing a $180,000 no-bid contract with an unapproved vendor while serving as a school superintendent, hasn't turned over the requested information since March.

"Despite repeated requests over several months, DOE has not produced these contracts, nor has it proposed a concrete timeline for doing so," Speaker Julie Menin's office wrote in a letter to education officials.

The DOE spends $12.9 billion in outside contracts annually out if its $38.6 billion budget — the largest agency budget in the Big Apple.

During a June oversight hearing, Samuels said the DOE was "looking into" what it would take to produce more 600 contract details.

The DOE promised more follow-up on the contracts after a June 25 meeting with council staff, according to the letter.

The DOE did not immediately respond to request for comment. *Craig McCarthy*

Roomie's 'needled'

A twisted Japanese woman sewed her roommate's lips shut "with a needle and thread," sending the victim rushing out into the streets with a handwritten sign reading "please help me."

The victim, 42, was initially too scared to flee the home about two hours north of Tokyo because she was too terrified of her roommate, Masae Sakurai, NHK in Japan reported.

But once Sakurai, 49, left, she escaped and showed her sign at a nearby shop, prompting a call to police.

Sakurai was arrested on suspicion of assault.

Chris Nesi

Fleeing beau a suspect in brutal attack

NY MOM SLAIN IN IRELAND

TRAGIC: Westchester County native Jamey Carney was found beaten to death in her Ireland home Tuesday as cops search for her boyfriend, Ahmad Alsaqer, a staunch pro-Palestinian like herself.

By NICHOLAS MCENTRYE
and ANTHONY BLAIR

A New York mother, who moved to Ireland with her teen daughter, was beaten to death inside her home — and investigators have keyed in on her still-at-large, asylum-seeking boyfriend as the suspect in the slaying.

The battered body of Westchester County native Jamey Carney, 43, was found Tuesday by her 13-year-old daughter in a blood-soaked bedroom at their rented home in Killarney, the Irish Independent reported, citing police.

Carney, who moved to Ireland five years ago, suffered from multiple head wounds, and her killer hid her body under a duvet before fleeing.

Cops are probing reports that a loud argument was heard the night before Carney was found dead at her home on a luxury housing estate.

Police quickly announced they launched a search for a "person of significant interest," who was later identified by police sources as Carney's 28-year-old boyfriend, Ahmad Alsaqer.

Alsaqer, who moved to Ireland in 2024 seeking asylum, was suspected of boarding a bus from Killarney to Dublin early Tuesday morning and getting a last-minute flight to Istanbul, according to police sources in Ireland.

Cops were investigating the suspect's possible contacts in both Turkey and France, where he also previously lived.

Alsaqer was also believed to have lived in the United Kingdom at some point before entering Ireland.

Carney, who worked in the healthcare industry, reportedly met Alsaqer around a year and a half ago, not long after he had entered Ireland.

Smiley July 4th post

The staunch pro-Palestinian shared videos of herself with Alsaqer at a rally for the cause in Ireland, with the pair both wearing checkered keffiyehs.

Alsaqer is also pictured in numerous Instagram posts alongside Carney, with captions including, "Dating an Arab be like..," "I'm his flower/warda and he's my moon/qamar," and "learning Arabic."

Just three days before she was found dead, Carney posted a pic to social media that showed her beaming alongside Alsaqer.

"Happy 4th y'all," she wrote alongside the photo of them cuddling up in front of an AI-generated backdrop of Times Square, with the mom in a Knicks T-shirt and Alsaqer in a Giants one.

Skeleton in E. Harlem bldg.

Skeletal remains were discovered in a vacant Manhattan brownstone where a homeless veteran was reportedly living, according to reports and authorities.

Officers stumbled upon the remains after responding to a call at the building on East 115th Street between Second and Third avenues in East Harlem at 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, according to the NYPD.

A representative for the building owner found the bones while checking on the three-story, vacant rowhouse, Gothamist reported.

A 311 complaint from last year also claimed the building was an abandoned drug-rehab facility where a homeless veteran had been camping out for at least two years, according to public records first reported by the outlet.

It's unclear how long the building has been vacant.

The Medical Examiner's Office is now conducting a forensic examination to confirm the identity of the remains. *Zoe Hussain*

Flying teach's fatal plunge

An Argentinian flight instructor jumped out of a plane to his death in the middle of a flying lesson — after telling his student, "You know what you have to do," and leaving her to land the aircraft by herself.

Leandro Andrés Bertazzo was identified as the instructor who bailed out of the Cessna 150G aircraft over the central Argentinian town of Toledo July 4, abandoning his student, the office of Argentina Attorney General Carlos Gonella announced.

"You know what you have to do, carry on," Bertazzo told 22-year-old Rosario, Argentinian outlet Todos Noticias (TN) reported.

Bertazzo then unbuckled from his seat, removed his headset, opened the plane door and jumped out.

Rosario, who has a private pilot's license, alerted flight school officials was guided through steps to safely land the training plane.

Nicholas McEntyre

For health, free-sy does it

Surprise lesson at biohack confab

By McKENZIE BEARD

TOP RX: Attendee Carole Hopkins (above) touts common-sense hacks like going outdoors over gizmos like the Lyfe Vessel (right).

McKenzie Beard/NY Post

I was a sick kid — I'm talking genuinely, chronically ill. Mysterious symptoms kept me home from school and bouncing between specialists who spent most of my childhood trying — and failing — to figure out what was wrong.

My mother, a lifelong fan of all things woo-woo, did what any desperate parent does: She looked elsewhere.

That search took us to a barn in the middle of nowhere in Oregon, where a white guy with dreadlocks, crystals and blinking light machines claimed he could heal even the toughest ailments without prescriptions or invasive procedures.

Spoiler alert: He couldn't.

Twenty years later, I found myself experiencing an overwhelming sense of déjà vu.

I was at Dave Asprey's Beyond Biohacking Conference in Austin, Texas, where a remarkably similar guru was explaining how his light-and-sound chamber, powered by "dodecahedron sacred geometry," could heal my emotional, physical and spiritual selves and even bring me closer to God.

Climbing out of the pod, I felt just as agnostic and achy as I had all those years ago.

Later, when I hit the tech hall to ask attendees about their favorite biohacks, most didn't choose conference gadgets like $325 quantum-charged necklaces promising to balance the body's energy field; $13,999 pyramids claiming to harness light, color and positive affirmations to unlock inner harmony; or $5,500 meditation lamps said to enable out-of-body experiences and "communion with disembodied or ethereal beings."

Their favorites, instead, were simple habits we all know we should be doing — and they didn't require a credit card.

Biohacks money can't buy

Carole Hopkins, 56, believes one of the best is hiding in plain sight: the outdoors.

After being diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis at 22, she said spending more time in nature helped improve her quality of life — and she believes it has eased her pain levels.

"We're overly domesticated," Hopkins told The Post. "We're not getting enough sunlight or time outside, and that affects everything."

Meanwhile, Zolboo Enkhtuvshin, a Los Angeles online retailer in her 30s, said improving sleep is the first recommendation she'd make to anyone looking to optimize their health.

"If you can change only one thing, it has to be sleep," she said, explaining that a consistent sleep schedule and limiting screen time before bed have helped her get much better shut-eye.

For others, the path to better health is in the kitchen. Kourtney and Luke Ketterhagen, a Fort Worth, Texas, couple who practice yoga and meditation, said their favorite biohack is cooking their own meals. "There's a major lack of nutrition in our system nowadays," Luke, 50, said. "When you've had a home-cooked meal from someone who has put love into it, you can tell."

Hacks for a healthier mind

For many attendees, the biggest biohacking breakthroughs weren't physical but came from working on their minds.

James Cope, 79, was into biohacking decades before Asprey coined the term. To him, the practice is less about gadgets and more about self-awareness.

"I'm here for a finite period of time, and I'm going to try to raise my consciousness as much as I can," Cope said.

Jeffrey Rivera, 40, a loan development officer from Brisbane, Australia, said biohacking has helped him become more present.

"Less doomscrolling. More meditation," he said. "I want more consistent inner alignment. To be calm and have a clearer mind."

For Mahalene Louis, the path to optimization has meant confronting the parts of herself she'd spent years avoiding. "Shadow work has made the biggest impact on my life," the 69-year-old said.

The therapeutic practice involves exploring the unconscious forces behind your feelings and behaviors while helping you confront buried fears, insecurities and unresolved trauma.

"I love my exercise routine, I love my sauna and cold plunge, all the fun things I do with healthy foods and peptides and nootropics. But the greatest biohack, for me, was to learn how to love myself," Louis added.

Breanne Potrie, 38, of Phoenix, shared a similar philosophy after years of dealing with pain and trauma.

Asked about her favorite biohacks, she responded: "Grounding. Breathwork. Meditation. I've been doing ice baths for three years straight."

"And guess what? Those are free," Potrie said. "You don't need to buy any of these things. Sorry. Newsflash: Consistency over a long period of time will get you where you need to be."

Jennifer Thompson, 38, of Miami, said managing her stress levels has been the top priority since getting into longevity science.

"The number one biohack is reducing your stress," she said. "If you can't do that, you need to train your brain on how to manage it better."

Getting back to basics

After three days surrounded by cutting-edge technology and million-dollar promises, the biggest lesson from America's biohackers was surprisingly simple.

"People ask me: What do you take? What do you do?" said Sharmala Graefer, 44, of San Diego.

"But like, tell me how you feel after you've slept. Had water. Eaten good food. Gotten outside. Moved your body. Experienced pleasure. You'll probably feel better," she added. "If you simplify all of this and you do those things, you'll be healthier."

Air show heroes slapped

Eight Apache helicopter pilots who wowed a crowd of beachgoers during a Fourth of July air show were suspended by the South Carolina National Guard — a decision that sparked outrage among lawmakers who argued the airmen should be applauded rather than punished.

Video footage of the military pilots' low pass during the "Salute from the Shore" event went viral on social media and showed the attack helicopters thundering along the South Carolina coast as dozens of people waved and cheered from the water and sand.

The South Carolina National Guard said it is reviewing the pilots' "flight profile" and described their "temporary flight suspension" as a "routine, non-punitive safety measure — not a disciplinary action."

US Rep. Russell Fry (R-SC) responded to the suspensions by demanding that the eight helicopter pilots' flying privileges be restored immediately.

"The [South Carolina National Guard] needs to drop this review and restore these pilots immediately," Fry posted on X. " Americans applauded the incredible display while expressing complete admiration ... These pilots should be celebrated, not sanctioned." *Victor Nava*

Heat kills fish in Md.

The East Coast's Fourth of July heat wave drove the Potomac River north of Little Falls, Md., to a record temperature, contributing to a large fish kill, officials said.

The Maryland Department of the Environment said one of its biologists recorded a water temperature of 94 degrees on July 4, while data from the US Geological Survey shows water temperatures peaking at 98.4 degrees.

Officials said the fish kill spanned nearly 14 miles in Montgomery County.

They said there was no evidence of a chemical spill or pollution in the area of this kill. *Fox Weather*

DAVID HEARN
Accused of vandalism.

DC Pool fool's not guilty plea

Former US Olympic canoeist David Hearn pleaded not guilty Thursday to a charge of vandalizing the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool after allegedly yanking at the "American-flag blue" sealant the Trump administration installed on its bottom.

Defense attorney Mary Dohrmann entered the plea on Hearn's behalf during a hearing before DC Superior Court Judge Carmen McLean, calling her client an "upstanding" citizen with deep ties to the capital.

"It is not a crime to touch the Reflecting Pool, to touch water in the United States of America," fellow defense lawyer Norm Eisen declared to reporters outside the courthouse.

Hearn was initially arrested June 19 and had claimed to the Washington Post he grabbed a "flapping piece" of the sealant that "was still attached to the bottom" of the pool but "didn't destroy or break or peel anything." *Josh Christenson*

Two found slain in Ala.

A University of Alabama student, her friend and a dog were found dead inside the home they were pet-sitting, after the homeowner saw a suspicious person on camera.

Jazmine Alexis Bates, 22, and Jose Felix Alvarez-Duenas, 31, were allegedly killed by De'Kendrick Crawford, 24, in Brookwood, Ala., on Monday, WIAT reported.

Their bodies were found after cops swooped on the home for a welfare check after Alvarez-Duenas hadn't answered phone calls or texts. *Chris Bradford*

'80s pop star Bonnie Tyler dies at 75

SHONE THRU A 'TOTAL ECLIPSE'

By JOLIE ZENNA and
NICHOLAS McENTYRE

Bonnie Tyler, whose 1983 song "Total Eclipse of the Heart" was a No. 1 hit, died Wednesday at a hospital in Portugal. She was 75.

"Bonnie's family and team are heartbroken to announce that Bonnie unexpectedly passed away last night in hospital in Portugal as a result of the illness that she was being treated for," a spokesperson said in a statement on Thursday.

"We will issue a further statement shortly but for now ask for privacy to deal with this tragedy."

The musician, whose real name was Gaynor Sullivan, had been ill since May when she was rushed to a hospital in Faro, Portugal, to undergo an emergency intestinal surgery.

Tyler, a three-time Grammy nominee, was placed in a medically induced coma to help aid in her recovery, Page Six confirmed on May 7, the day after the surgery.

"We are very sorry to announce that Bonnie has been admitted to hospital in Faro, Portugal, where she has a home, for emergency intestinal surgery," a statement shared on her official website and social media pages read. "The surgery went well, and she is now recuperating."

HITMAKER: Pop singer Bonnie Tyler, during her peak stardom in the 1980s from the song "Total Eclipse of the Heart" and performing more recently (below).

Michael Ochs Archives

In hosp for weeks

Tyler was brought out of the coma but was still "very unwell," remaining in the intensive-care unit at the hospital, a spokesperson wrote on June 15. She remained in the hospital for nearly a month until her death.

A cause of death was not immediately revealed.

Tyler was first rushed to the hospital on April 30, according to the US Sun, but no reason for the initial hospitalization was given. Her 2026 European tour was set to kick off in Malta on May 22.

In March, the singer shared how she continued her love of performing despite experiencing some health issues.

"I'm fit enough at the moment, touch wood, and I'm really enjoying doing the shows," she told Hello! magazine. "I'm still rocking on that stage with my wonderful band, and if you've got your health, you've got everything."

"I do home Pilates, only 20 minutes a day — it's something I can do in my hotel rooms," she added.

"I have had problems with my knees; I didn't have new knees, I had what they call washouts [a surgical knee procedure], which turned out to be very successful. So, hopefully that will last for a long time."

Mark Stimpson

Tale of Welsh singer

Tyler was born on June 8, 1951, in Skewen, Wales. She started as a backup singer in the early '70s before embarking on a solo career. Tyler came to prominence with the release of her 1977 debut album, "The World Starts Tonight," which featured hits like "Lost in France" and "It's a Heartache."

She quickly became known for her distinctive, husky voice, though it didn't come naturally. It was actually the result of Tyler's 1977 procedure to get nodules removed from her vocal cords. "When I went back in the studio, I started singing 'It's a Heartache' and my producers said, 'My God, your voice is husky now, but we love it.' It turned out to be a great thing because it became my very first hit record in America," she told Hello!

By the 1980s, she ventured into rock music with the help of songwriter and producer Jim Steinman, who wrote her biggest hit, "Total Eclipse of the Heart." The song shot Tyler to global superstardom.

"I still get excited when I hear the song on the radio," Tyler said of the record during an interview on "Good Morning America" in April 2024.

The song was featured on her 1983 chart-topping album, "Faster Than the Speed of Night," which was nominated for Best Rock Album, Female at the 1984 Grammys.

She and Steinman worked together to produce another of her hits, "Holding Out for a Hero," which was featured on the "Footloose" soundtrack.

Over her impressive five-decade-long career, Tyler released 18 studio albums.

Tyler is survived by her husband of 52 years, Robert Sullivan.

Mam adviser's grand 'scheme' to block

Liberal hero who wasn't

KIRSTEN FLEMING

HE rose on grievance — and he fell on grievance.

Graham Platner's wild ride through national politics started as a charmed fairy tale and ended in a screeching halt Wednesday night, stopped by a pile-up of allegations ranging from unsavory to potentially criminal.

You would hope this would be a lesson for Democrats: You cannot build a political career on vibes alone.

His fall came two days after ex-girlfriend Jenny Recicot told Politico that, in 2021, Platner came to her home and forced her to have sex against her will.

Following that claim, many of the high-profile names — including Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren and Chuck Schumer — who had backed him for the US Senate race in Maine disavowed Platner, urging the Democrat to drop out.

In an 11-minute resignation video posted on X, the 41-year-old was defiant, narcissistic and conspiratorial as he raged against the Democrat machine.

First, he denied Racicot's explosive claim: "I just want to make it clear this is all false," he said in his deep Batman voice. "The things that have been claimed did not happen. It's not real."

Man in denial

Then he launched into a rant blaming the establishment for using claims against him "as an excuse to take away all of the things that we need to run a campaign."

"We're not doing it because of the allegations," he said of dropping out. "We're doing it because of the structures that are being taken away from us by those in power."

He's a man in denial. The structures were taken away because of the allegations against him, and only because of them. Yes, oppo research is a real thing — but, in this case, it wasn't even necessary.

"We won," Platner said of the Dem primary. "Now they are not going to let us have it. Not if it's me."

Is this a grizzled Maine man or a spoiled toddler whose toy was confiscated?

He got suckered into thinking he was the leader of surging left-wing populism. In reality, he was simply an actor cast to lead it.

Indeed, Platner's rise was like a movie.

With no political experience, he was plucked from relative obscurity by Dan Moraff and Leanne Fan, Ivy League-educated scouts looking for the progressive movement's new face like they were running a small-town model search.

Platner, a combat veteran, was living in Sullivan, Maine, surviving mostly off government benefits and dabbling in oyster farming (his mother was his only customer). Taken with his left-wing politics and blue-collar costume, they called Morris Katz, the young operative behind Mayor Mamdani's campaign.

The New York Times reported that the trio gassed Platner up, telling him that "he was 'the one,' a 'hero of the movement' and 'a historical figure' who could be 'leading a revolution,' according to half a dozen sources."

They rolled him out to the most prominent position in the showroom without properly looking under the hood.

Red flags aplenty

The newcomer drew massive support from household names including New York's Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand and California Rep. Ro Khanna. The "Pod Save America" bros fawned all over him.

All those excitable supporters ignored loads of red flags. The Totenkopf Nazi tattoo. The revelations — from his own wife — that the married veteran had been sexting other women. The allegations from another ex-girlfriend, Lyndsey Fiefeld, that he had locked her in a room and physically pulled her out of a car.

But the wheels came off with Racicot, an avowed leftie who said she agreed with his politics but came forward because of his character.

Meanwhile, it's unclear if people in Maine are as bereft as the insurgent national lefties who pushed him as their big hope at taking back the Senate.

The morning after the video broke, the Bangor Daily News' most read story was not about Platner — but about the return of female hummingbirds to feeders.

KATZ'S PLAT PLAN OUT OF THE BAG

Robert Miller for NY Post

By JOSH CHRISTENSON
and CRAIG MCCARTHY

WASHINGTON — A top adviser to Mayor Mamdani pushed hard for Maine Democrat Graham Platner in the 2026 Senate race with an eye on a Democratic presidential ticket by 2032, sources told The Post.

Morris Katz hyped up Platner as a Bernie Sanders successor who could captivate the progressive base of the Democratic Party — much better than Squad darling Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), whom he saw as a losing nominee, two Democratic sources revealed.

One reason Katz favored Platner's chances over AOC was that he's a man, sources said.

Katz had worked for around 10 months with other left-wing operatives to pluck Platner, the untested Marine veteran-turned-oyster farmer, from obscurity and put him on a path to defeating incumbent Republican Sen. Susan Collins in Maine in November.

"The guy is so f–king talented," Katz boasted around the time of Platner's campaign launch in August 2025, the source noted, suggesting the sky was the limit given the slick ads he expected to produce and fundraising he would be able to bring in as a result.

Katz crushed

But the 27-year-old remained "stubborn in his support for Platner" — even as rape accusations from an ex-girlfriend forced state and national Democratic Party leaders to withdraw support — because he viewed the political outsider as "his presidential ticket," said the source familiar with campaign discussions.

"You make this guy senator, and then you make this guy president because, in large

Aristide Economopoulos

AOC prez run with Graham backfires

BLOCK PARTY: Morris Katz (left) reportedly hitched his wagon to failed Maine Senate candidate Graham Platner's (above) star with grand ideas of a presidential run in 2032. Katz preferred Platner on the national stage over Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (inset below), whom he saw as a losing nominee, sources said. Platner's wife, Amy Gertner (right), appeared beach-bound Thursday.

Robert Miller for NY Post

part, Morris and like this whole sector of the left do not believe that AOC can win because she's a woman," this person said, pointing to 2032 as likely the most favorable cycle for Platner to make a White House run.

Katz in a statement to The Post called the comments "blatant and complete falsehoods." The New York Times first reported on him expressing Platner's presidential ambitions as soon as 2028.

"As soon as the team became aware of the rape allegations against Graham Platner we advised he suspend his candidacy, and in the following days worked to wind down the campaign," Katz also posted Thursday on X.

"Like so many of his supporters, I'm deeply disappointed."

For a time, Platner was able to brush off scandals that would've sunk candidates in past cycles.

Those included reports of a tattoo Platner got of a Nazi SS, or Schutzstaffel symbol, offensive remarks on social media about a Purple Heart veteran as well as sex assault victims, and a prior allegation of physical abuse from a woman he dated who went on to work in Republican circles.

"Through all of this, you see the campaign and Morris doubling down — remember his tweet about, you know, 'Best not miss' and all this other stuff, even though they knew all these things, right?" a second Democratic source said.

"This should have been over when the guy had a Nazi tattoo. It wasn't," the first Dem source concluded. "Then it should have been over when multiple women came out, and there were Reddit posts excusing all of this horrible behavior, not when the guy was, like, 20-years-old but when he was 30."

Democratic power brokers eventually delivered Katz and those allies a final blow on Wednesday when Platner abandoned his bid to unseat Collins of Maine, decrying "corporate media" and the "political establishment" for derailing his campaign.

Reps for Platner's campaign and Ocasio-Cortez did not respond to requests for comment.

Platner ad payroll mystery

The baby-faced socialist strategist behind Graham Platner's disastrous Maine Senate bid, Morris Katz, was mysteriously missing from the scandal-scarred campaign's consultant payroll — despite his firm boasting about creating dozens of ads for the disgraced Democrat.

The oysterman's principal campaign committee, Graham for Senate, forked over $10,177,696 to just a trio of entities between August 2025 and May 2026 for consulting, media buys, ads and data acquisition, according to Federal Election Commission (FEC) records.

The firms — LC Media, Helix Campaigns and Workers Productions — accounted for more than 70% of the campaign's operating expenditures during that time period, but no filings exist showing payments to Katz's Democratic political consulting firm, Fight Agency.

Katz and his Fight Agency co-founder, Rebecca Katz (no relation), also weren't listed in individual FEC filings on the Platner campaign's payroll.

This is despite Katz — who propelled Mayor Mamdani to victory — recruiting Platner, and Fight Agency claiming it had made "over 40 ads" for the failed campaign.

"Fight Agency is a media firm. We make ads. For the Platner campaign, we made one launch video and over 40 ads," a rep told Axios this week.

The ads were massively successful in improving Platner's profile in the Pine Tree State, with the 41-year-old going on to win the Democratic primary by a whopping 72 percentage points last month.

Josh Christenson

Beach bash ends in mis-tweetment

AUTHORITIES feared for the lives of vulnerable birds after an A-list party raged on a Hamptons beach.

Leonardo DiCaprio, **Alix Earle**, **Mike Tyson**, **Tobey Maguire**, **Travis Scott** and more hit the dunes last weekend for nightlife guru **Richie Akiva**'s annual bash the Afters, this year thrown with fashion brand Elie Tahari.

But we're told that while revelers have been nursing hangovers since the holiday hoopla, village authorities are surveying the damage to the local wildlife.

The stretch of beach between Sagaponack and East Hampton is a vital breeding ground for piping plovers, an endangered bird in New York.

"I will have the plover monitors go down [to the beach] and check," wrote one village official Monday morning in an email seen by Page Six. "I am fairly certain the chicks are dead or displaced."

"Wow," they added, "too much."

As Page Six has reported, about 400 people were expected for the party, but more than 1,000 showed up, with some sneaking through the woods around the beach to gatecrash.

We're told by multiple people that the party had permits for a certain time frame but that it blew through that curfew.

In other emails we've reviewed, a local complained to the village clerk, writing, "Sad day and major damage at . . . beach." They sent along photos showing heavy equipment being used to remove a temporary metal roadway from the beach, apparently a remnant of the bash. A member of the authorities sent it to a colleague, saying of the roadway, "Any way you can add this to any violations while [you're] writing violations?"

The village clerk declined to comment on the alleged damage or whether the event's hosts would be barred from returning next year, telling Page Six only that all permit applications are reviewed "on a case-by-case basis." Elie Tahari didn't get back to us. Akiva's rep declined to comment.

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'Some Girls' leave

YOU can't always get what you want. **Mick Jagger** claims to have been ghosted (though we have our doubts). Jagger says the band's latest track, "Back in Your Life," was inspired by a brief romance that ended with the woman abruptly disappearing. "I just came up with these lyrics really quickly," the 82-year-old told Apple Music's **Zane Lowe**. "It's a classic story of meeting a woman, having a very quick fling with her and then she ghosts you." "Who the f--k is ghosting Mick Jagger?" Lowe asked. Jagger — who's in a long-term relationship with ballet dancer **Melanie Hamrick** — laughed, "[It] happens." He claimed that he drew on "memories" for the lyrics.

Added to the Stew

KIMBERLY Stewart has revealed she's the proud mother of a baby boy — a whole year after quietly welcoming him into the world. The 46-year-old (above), whose parents are **Rod** and **Alana Stewart**, revealed early last year that she was expecting a son. Then yesterday, she posted a photo of a child and a birthday cake with a "1" candle in it. Stewart also has a 14-year-old daughter, **Delilah**, with **Benicio de Toro**. It's unclear who her son's dad is.

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Goth comes to Gotham: Sarah Paulson (from left), Avantika Vandanapu and Alex Consani form a new Coven for Season 13 of "American Horror Story," shooting in Soho.

Spur'ned woman calls foul on boyfriend

IT'S been a brutal few weeks for the Spurs. First, the San Antonio team was steamrolled by the Knicks in the NBA Finals. Now a teammate's sister is tangled in an ugly alleged cheating scandal. Front Office Sports reported yesterday that the Spurs' play-by-play announcer seems to have been canned after "someone" hijacked his Instagram and accused him of cheating with the sister of Spurs guard **Lindy Waters** III. Messages appeared on commentator **Jacob Tobey**'s account Wednesday night saying, "This is my girlfriend of six years. But I cheated on her with **Loren Waters**. So feel free to continue following me if you really think I'm a good guy because I'm not." The text appeared over a photo of Tobey and his (presumably) now-ex-girlfriend. The saga escalated with a second post showing Tobey kissing a woman in a photo booth alongside the caption: "Me and the new girl Loren Waters." Tobey — whom Front Office Sports reported "is out" of a job — couldn't be reached by Page Six for comment.

Sav presses pause

SAVANNAH Guthrie (above) is on a brief hiatus from the "Today" show to spend time with her family amid the ongoing investigation into the disappearance of her mother, **Nancy Guthrie**, Page Six can confirm. The journalist, 54, left fans worried as she skipped the morning broadcast for the second consecutive day this week. She had returned in April, two months after Nancy, 84, was reported missing.

Truth about fiction

THEY'RE an open book. Three first-time novelists are set to lay bare the highs, lows and hard-earned lessons of getting a debut book into readers' hands. At P&T Knitwear Bookstore on Orchard Street on July 15, "The Encore" author **Juliet Izon**, "Homebound" author **Portia Elan** and "A Good Animal" author **Sara Maurer** will discuss writing, editing and publishing, as well as navigating an industry shaped by social media, AI and changing paths to publication, we're told.

Sightings

LEONARDO DiCaprio, in a hat and mask, and **Tobey Maguire** ordering at Croft Alley . . . **LISA Vanderpump** celebrating the grand opening of Caesars Republic Lake Tahoe . . . **KALI Uchis** and **Don Toliver** having a date night at Mastro's in Thousand Oaks . . . REPUBLICAN **Joseph Hernandez**, who's running for New York state comptroller, speaking at the Log Cabin summit at Trump Tower.

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Officer in child 'rape'

An NYPD officer was arrested for allegedly raping a young relative in Brooklyn on multiple occasions dating back five years, cops and sources said.

Officer Joshua Acosta, 39, was busted Wednesday night in connection to the alleged ordeal that began in 2021 and continued through last month, according to authorities and law enforcement sources.

The victim was a minor when the alleged sex crimes occurred, but the exact age was unclear.

Acosta was arrested in Brooklyn and charged with three counts each of rape and sexual misconduct, two counts of course of sexual conduct against a child and a single count of acting in a manner injurious to a child, police said.

Lawyers for Acosta proclaimed his innocence to The Post.

"Our office is already in possession of evidence which points to our client's innocence," Jason Goldman and David Gelfand said, in part, in a written statement. "These allegations are undoubtedly serious but, more importantly, they are demonstrably false."

Acosta was suspended without pay, police said.

Joe Marino and Amanda Woods

Jeb: Iran arms Cuba

Iran has reportedly armed Cuba with a fleet of 300 kamikaze drones, putting the US mainland at risk of suffering a devastating attack, Jeb Bush warned Wednesday.

Florida is about 90 miles from Cuba — within range for any drone attack from Cuba.

"Iran has been a consistent threat to the united security interests of our country, certainly of Israel," Bush said during a United Against Nuclear Iran event.

"Now, we see that it's not just Israel and the United States, but the Gulf region as well."

Ryan King

'SLAY' SON SNAPPED

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'NEVER FIT IN': A family friend said Chester Green (above), accused of killing his Scarsdale mom Marian Green (top right), possibly suffered from mental problems.

By REUVEN FENTON
and JORGE FITZ-GIBBON

A beloved Scarsdale community advocate worried about her troubled and socially awkward son for years — until he allegedly snapped and stabbed her to death in her home, a family friend told The Post.

Marian Green, 71, struggled for years to find a productive path for 26-year-old son Chester Green, encouraging him to pursue his talent for blacksmithing and taking him along to political and community meetings to spark his interest, her close pal Nancy Meyers Silverman said Thursday.

It was the first murder in the Westchester County suburb — long one of America's wealthiest communities — in more than a decade.

"She was worried about her son, she really was," said Silverman, 57. "She wanted him to be a productive part of society, and she was concerned because I know her husband passed away a couple of years ago, and she just wanted Chester to thrive.

"There was never a meeting where we didn't discuss Chester, or she didn't bring up wanting the best for him," Silverman added. "He did have some sort of condition."

Attended special ed.

The mom's efforts ended in tragedy, police said, when Chester allegedly beat and stabbed her to death in her $2.5 million home over the weekend.

Westchester prosecutors said he allegedly killed his mom between July 5 and July 7, and on Wednesday was arraigned on a second-degree murder charge and ordered held without bail.

The first-revealed images of the accused killer show him with long brown hair and piercing eyes.

Silverman said her friend's son was always a bit off, attending special education classes in school and never quite fitting in with others in the upscale community — but had never shown signs of violence.

"I don't know exactly what you know his diagnosis was, but nothing that would point to this situation," she said. "Maybe he was a little slow developing, but there was nothing that would point to this.

Obtained by NY Post

Anguish of Scarsdale ma-victim

"He was a health freak a little bit — just really into his health and not eating bad food or drinking from plastic water bottles," Silverman added. "He possibly dabbled with drugs, I don't know how much or with what. I know he was thinking at one point of opening a cannabis store. He was off the beaten track, not a mainstream Scarsdale kid at all."

She said Chester was Marian's only child and the two lived alone since his father died years ago.

A former elementary and middle school classmate of Chester's told The Post he was "known to be loud and always screaming and saying mean things."

In one instance, Chester carpooled with the classmate and her 6-year-old sister to ice skating lessons and smacked the youngest because she was "being loud," she recalled.

"We obviously stopped carpooling with him then," the classmate said.

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Silent stabber strikes man on subway steps

A 44-year-old man was stabbed in the back in an unprovoked attack on the staircase of a Brooklyn subway station late Wednesday, cops said.

The assailant knifed the victim from behind on the steps leading to the IRT's Sutter Avenue-Rutland Road station in Brownsville around 9:20 p.m., authorities said.

The brute — seen wearing jeans and work boots — didn't say a word before the attack and did not know the victim, cops said.

The wounded straphanger was taken to Brookdale University Hospital Medical Center, where he was listed in stable condition, police said.

The attacker was still on the loose, authorities said.

The attack came about a week after the NYPD revealed that major crime in the city's subway system is down by about 1 percent compared to last year.

But felony assaults were up by 20 incidents through June, according to the department. Felony assault arrests on the rails also increased by 9% through the first six months of the year, the department said.

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Pa’s doc dump at slay site

A deadbeat dad who stormed into a Las Vegas grocery store and allegedly gunned down his ex-wife and her new husband tucked custody papers under his ex’s arm after the double murder, according to police.

Alejandro Estrada, 43, left the child custody papers at the crime scene to provide police with a motive for allegedly killing his ex-wife, Amanda Frias Rosa on May 12, 8 News Now reported, citing courtroom testimony.

“He said initially he shot them both approximately two to three times, two to four times,” Brandon Copley, a Las Vegas Metro police detective, testified.

“As they were on the ground, he said he dropped his backpack to retrieve that red folder of documents, and then he took that and then he tucked that into Amanda’s arm.”

Estrada was under financial strain due to his child support obligations to Rosa, having owed more than $2,800 in child support payments for their two children, a 12-year-old boy and a 9-year-old girl, according to police and court records.

Neither child was at the store at the time of the shooting. A grand jury indicted Estrada on 13 felony charges, including two counts of murder. *Daniel Cody*

Wild rodent plagues NM

A wild rat in New Mexico tested positive for the plague after four dogs were diagnosed with the troubling disease earlier this year, authorities said.

A homeowner discovered the plague-ridden rodent dead in Santa Fe County and submitted it for testing, according to the New Mexico Health Department.

It is the first confirmed wild animal in the county to test positive for the illness in 2026, officials said.

The case follows four other confirmed plague cases in dogs this year — including three in Santa Fe County and one in Bernalillo County. *Zoe Hussain*

$35M INJURY ‘FRAUD’

UNDER SCRUTINY: A jury awarded “brain-injured” banker Meghan Brown $35 million in a glass-door accident. But the defendants’ investigators later took pics of her showing little incapacitation.

New York County Clerk (2)

Vid of vic negates ‘severity’ claim: att’y

By PETER SENZAMICI

A New York City building owner is trying to get out of paying an eye-watering $35 million verdict to an ex-JPMorgan banker who claimed a shattering glass door left her with permanent brain damage, according to new court documents.

Lawyers for the Madison Avenue building claim hours of new video surveillance of former banking analyst Meghan Brown taken over a nine-month period reveal her assertions of incapacitation are a “fraud.”

“Seldom is a farce of the magnitude orchestrated by [Brown] here captured on video and in court documents,” wrote Christopher Theobalt, attorney for 271 Madison Co. — who argues the $35.2 million verdict should be thrown out.

But Brown lawyer Tom Moore called the move “utter desperation.”

Hopes ‘will be dashed’

“Hope springs eternal,” Moore, who originally argued for an $80 million payout, told The Post. “But for the defendants, those hopes are going to be dashed rather soon.”

In March 2024, a jury found the owners of 271 Madison Ave. liable for the shocking 2015 incident, where a 7½-foot-tall lobby door seemingly exploded as Brown, then 27, was walking through it.

Brown, who now runs a gelato business in Naples, Fla., told jurors the injuries ultimately led to her being fired from her position as a high-level analyst and negatively affected her ability to carry out everyday tasks.

“Well, one of the biggest problems I have with my brain is that I can’t trust it,” she testified during the three-week trial in Manhattan Supreme Court.

Jurors unanimously ruled in her favor, finding that the building owner’s negligence was “a substantial factor in causing” her injuries, The Post previously reported.

But the building owners appealed the verdict, hiring private eyes to track Brown in the Sunshine State, capturing her “depicting a level of function irreconcilable with what [she] described at trial,” according to court documents.

Footage showed Brown dodging traffic, working 10-hour shifts at the gelato shop, texting while operating a trike without a helmet and grocery shopping — activities “she insisted were beyond her,” the filing claims.

One video depicts Brown working under “harsh” fluorescent lighting in her business stockroom at night, clashing with her courtroom testimony that fluorescent lights “exhaust me in ways like I’ll need a nap . . . I’m in pain,” the lawyers claimed.

Investigators found Brown running the gelato shop “soup to nuts,” including prepping for and working a three-hour golf-course event solo — even pushing a large gelato cart into a van as the event ended, according to the filing.

During the trial, Brown had testified that she had a “team of underlings at her disposal to perform virtually every business task,” the building’s lawyers noted.

“This evidence should lay to rest the fable that plaintiff is an uninvolved cog in a ‘part-time gelato business, or, as she belittled it, a ‘lemonade stand,’ ” the motion reads.

“If this is her fate, she has not gotten the memo.”

No ‘constant’ affliction

But Brown’s lawyer claimed they were “open and obvious” during the trial that some of her afflictions, like needing an aide or a helmet to go outside, were not “a constant thing.”

“Guess what? At the time of trial, she walked to the court every day without any [assistance], in full view of [the] jury,” Moore said.

The building’s lawyers also claimed Brown lied about the reason she was fired from JPMorgan, and that it was not due to performance issues stemming from her brain injuries as she had testified.

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Spat with son, then ma’s butchered

The Alabama mom allegedly butchered by her teen son had fought with him about her Facebook posts — where she once griped about his “attitude” — in the hours leading up to the gruesome attack that also left her husband fighting for his life, a neighbor exclusively revealed to The Post.

Samantha Baker, 37 — who was found dead from multiple stab wounds outside a home in the private Belforest complex late Sunday — had tried to put her enraged 17-year-old son Brandon in his place earlier that day, according to the family’s next-door neighbor, Shawn Scurry.

Surveillance-camera footage taken from Scurry’s home captured tense audio snippets of the argument that unfolded between the mother-son duo on their porch around 2:30 p.m.

Scurry believed the pair was fighting about Samantha’s Facebook page, where she posted about her two sons and her family life.

“He was asking about a comment, and she was saying it was just a story,” Scurry said. “She was saying . . . it wasn’t about him.”

The 51-year-old neighbor said she assumed, based on the “loud” exchange, that Samantha’s frequent posts about Brandon “was starting to hurt him.”

“She does talk kind of rude about the kids . . . and, you know, they are teenagers,” Scurry said.

Her posts sometimes hinted at less than rosy family dynamics. A few months ago she wrote, “Gentle parenting is for gentle children. My thugs will be handled accordingly.”

Brandon is now facing murder and attempted murder charges.

Georgia Worrell

‘Gray divorce’ on rise for modern

Single senior swing

By MARISSA MATOZZO

Here come the gray divorcees! Suddenly, they’re everywhere — and don’t expect them to apologize for how much they’re loving their new, late-in-life lives.

Spending your golden years on a porch swing, doting on your spouse of many years, after the kids have flown the nest? Forget that dated dream — for a growing number of women, empty-nest status and retirement aren’t bringing them closer to their partners.

Instead, they’re finding the clarity to walk away from their marriages — and enthusiastically start all over again.

40% of divorces

As life expectancies tick ever upwards, record numbers of Americans are rushing to say “I don’t” to the idea of happily ever after — deciding, apparently, that the second half of their lives is too precious to accept anything less than total fulfillment, even if they have to go about it alone.

Nearly 40% of divorces nationwide now involve couples age 50 and older — so-called “gray divorces” — after decades of steady growth, The New York Times reported.

While the trend has leveled off since the pandemic, the rate remains near historic highs, as more Gen Xers and baby boomers decide they’re no longer willing to spend the rest of their lives in unhappy marriages.

Divorce attorney Nicole Sodoma explained to The Post that many women are arriving at midlife with another 20 or 30 years ahead of them, wondering if this is really how they want to spend it.

‘They have options’

“Traditional expectations around marriage have shifted,” said Sodoma, a divorce attorney at Sodoma Law.

“Many women have greater financial independence than previous generations. They’re realizing they have options.

“It’s also often the culmination of years — sometimes decades — of unmet needs, growing apart or simply existing as roommates rather than partners.”

And as divorce becomes less socially taboo, clinical psychologist Dr. Navvab Tadjvar says it increasingly feels like reinvention rather than failure.

“Marriage simply doesn’t carry the same symbolic weight it once did,” he explained to The Post.

Here three gray divorcees tell The Post what drove their later-in-life separations.

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ROCK ON: Deborah Santana (right) married guitar god Carlos in the 1970s (above), but after 34 years of marriage she grew tired of supporting his dreams and chose divorce to pursue her own.

DEBORAH SANTANA

Deborah Santana was 56 when she decided to walk away from her 34-year marriage to Grammy Award-winning guitarist Carlos Santana.

Santana, 75, had given her all to the partnership. For decades, she stood by his side, giving her all to help him build his career as the vice president and COO of Santana Management from 1994 to 2007.

It worked — until, one day, she found it no longer did.

The Los Angeles activist realized the life she’d devoted herself to “no longer reflected” the woman she’d become — and that it was finally time to pursue her own ambitions.

Deborah Santana was just 22 when she married her famous ex. Nearly three and a half decades later, she chose to walk toward a life of her own.

“I had spent so many years promoting my husband’s career and not pursuing my own creative passions,” Santana recalled to The Post.

“I wanted my children to know the real me, not just as a wife and mother, but as a writer and creator myself.”

It was a difficult decision for Santana, who married young and came from a generation that was told to stick it out “ ’til death do us part.”

“I don’t feel like I was leaving something as much as I was moving towards myself,” she explained.

“I knew that even if I felt lonely at the beginning, it was still the best choice.”

Santana and her rock-star ex are on good terms — and since the divorce, her life has taken a drastic turn for the better.

She is now a grandmother, Reiki master, philanthropist and author. Her new memoir, “Loving the Fire: Choosing Me, Finding Freedom,” chronicles her journey in rebuilding her post-divorce identity.

“I just wanted peace, my own life and my own values,” she said. “When you’re coupled with someone for so long, everything sort of blends together. But [after the divorce], I was no longer like him. I was so much like myself, my truest self.”

Santana believes many women of her generation were raised to “prioritize marriage over themselves” — something she hopes is finally changing.

“I was raised in a household with traditional expectations for marriage and family because of the time period, but I was also lucky to be raised by strong women who worked,” she said.

“Knowing everything I know now, I’d tell young women, don’t be afraid to go out where you have not yet been. Marriage doesn’t even need to be a part of the equation anymore,” she explained.

“I don’t think divorcing was the hardest part. It was just that I had been married so long that I felt like I needed to reestablish my identity,” she explained.

She gave marriage another shot in 2015 — but that too ended in divorce just four years later, when she realized that single and independent was the life that fit her best.

“I’m so genuinely joyful and at peace now,” she said.

women with money & aspirations

Michael Collopy

MELINDA GOULD

Melinda Gould, 61, of New York City, spent "years debating" whether to leave her 14-year marriage, fearing she'd lose precious time with her children.

But everything shifted for her after she read a book about narcissism and recognized her husband's behavior on paper.

"I wasn't leaving the marriage because I didn't want to not be with my kids [who were 7 and 12 at the time], but if I stayed, I might die from the stress — so I had to go," Gould recalled to The Post.

Gould married at 34 but by 49 she found herself asking a life-changing question: "'I don't want to be on my deathbed and wonder what my life would have been like if I had gotten divorced.'"

More than a decade later, she says the decision that caused her many sleepless nights completely transformed her life.

She's lost 70 pounds, left her job in banking behind and now runs a business helping other women navigate divorce — in other words, she's single and thriving.

"My life is a 180 from when I first asked for the separation," Gould said. "The freedom I have experienced to learn who I am and to thrive as the full me, well, it's incomprehensible."

She believes today's older adults are divorcing in greater numbers because they have more financial independence, less social stigma — and longer futures ahead of them.

"People have more financial flexibility in 2026 — there is less shame in people taking ownership of their lives and there are also more communities online to hear about people's experiences, so it's less scary," she said.

"I also think more of us are leaving long-term marriages because we are living longer, so looking ahead at the next chapter is much more meaningful."

> **'I don't want to be on my deathbed and wonder what my life would have been like if I had gotten divorced.'**

ELAINE GOODZEN

Elaine Goodzen, 66, of San Luis Obispo, Calif., knows her turning point came while sitting in an unfamiliar emergency room.

Almost 20 years ago, she was rushed to the hospital with symptoms of a possible heart attack after driving home from her son's basketball tournament.

When she asked her husband to make the 90-minute drive to be with their 12-year-old son in case she was admitted overnight, he declined.

"If the roles were reversed, nothing could've stopped me from driving 1.5 hours to be at his side and to be there for my son," Goodzen, now 66, told The Post.

After 22 years of marriage, enough was enough — she soon filed for divorce.

"Luckily for me, I had a great job . . . and was financially able to land on my feet. My children had decided they wanted to live with me," Goodzen recalled to The Post.

The legal battle with her husband dragged on for three years, but the moment she finally moved out one feeling surged above the rest.

"I felt so free," she said. "It was true freedom."

> **'Luckily for me, I had a great job . . . and was financially able to land on my feet.'**

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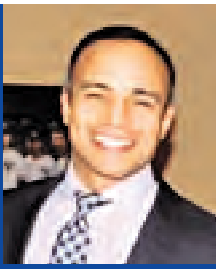

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‘Births’ still not ‘right!’

President Trump announced Wednesday that he will ask the Supreme Court to rehear the birthright citizenship case after it ruled against him last month.

The high court quashed Trump’s day-one executive order to end automatic birthright citizenship for the children of illegal immigrants and birth tourists, ruling that it violated the Constitution.

“Signs and Billboards are being put up all over our Southern Border, and Mexico, advertising BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP with ‘Deliveries starting at $4000.’ ” Trump fumed on Truth Social Wednesday.

“Not sustainable. NOBODY SAW THIS COMING!!!” he added. “AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP IS NOT FOR SALE! In fact, that is a crime, and therefore, the Supreme Court’s ruling is wrong. I will be asking for a Rehearing by the United States Supreme Court, IMMEDIATELY.”

It is very rare for the Supreme Court to rehear cases.

The last time the justices opted to rehear a case they previously decided was in 1965, and that was to address a technical issue, not to issue a full reversal.

Ryan King

Terror seen in 2 blasts

Preliminary investigations into the cell responsible for Tuesday’s bombings in Damascus have shown it was affiliated with Islamic State, a senior Syrian security official said Thursday.

“We were able to track down one member of the cell responsible for the July 7 Damascus bombings, and by monitoring him we identified the rest of the group’s members,” Ahmad al-Dalati, head of internal security in the Damascus countryside, told Ekhbariya TV.

Two bombs exploded Tuesday near a hotel where French President Emmanuel Macron spent the night, hurting 18 people. *Reuters*

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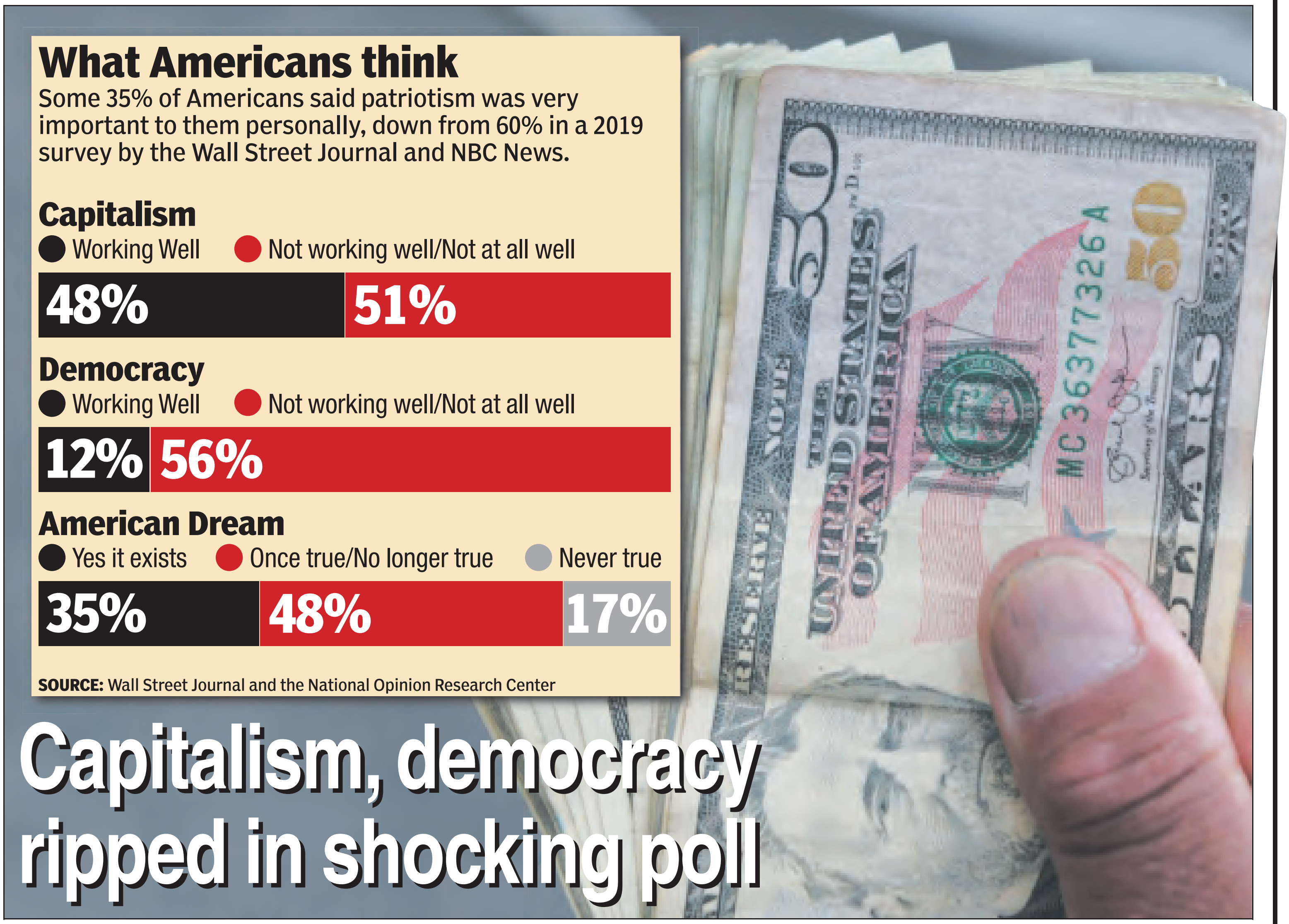

What Americans think

Some 35% of Americans said patriotism was very important to them personally, down from 60% in a 2019 survey by the Wall Street Journal and NBC News.

SOURCE: Wall Street Journal and the National Opinion Research Center

Capitalism, democracy ripped in shocking poll

By ANTHONY BLAIR

They’re seeing red.

Fewer than half of Americans think capitalism is working — and support for democracy and patriotism has tanked in the last decade thanks to the nation’s pessimistic youth, according to a sobering new poll.

As the nation turned 250 years old, only 48% of Americans believe that capitalism is working well in the US, compared to 60% who said so a decade ago, according to a survey released Wednesday by The Wall Street Journal and the National Opinion Research Center.

Just over half (51%) of those surveyed said American capitalism was working not too well or not at all well, the study showed.

The same study found just 12% of Americans believe democracy is working extremely or very well in the US, compared to a staggering 56% who said it is working not very well or not at all well.

Many of those who answered also felt that the American Dream, tying together democracy and capitalism, is further out of reach than ever before.

Just over a third (35%) of respondents said the American Dream — that if you work hard, you’ll get ahead — still holds true, down from 53% in 2012.

In contrast, 48% said the American Dream once held true but no longer does, and 17% said it had never held true.

The survey was carried out before the nation celebrated the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and revealed a shocking lack of enthusiasm for the holiday, patriotism and the nation’s history.

Under 40% of respondents said they were very proud of American history, while just over two-thirds (68%) said the nation was in decline.

Some 35% of Americans said patriotism was very important to them personally, down from 60% in a 2019 survey by The Wall Street Journal and NBC News.

Fewer than one-third said religion was very important to them, down from about half in 2019.

The numbers also revealed stark divisions along age and party lines.

Red and blue divide

Two-thirds of Republicans said they were very proud of American history, while only around 20% of Democrats said the same.

Nearly half of Republicans expressed a belief in American exceptionalism — the idea that the nation stands above all other countries — compared to just 8% of Democrats and 13% of independents.

Younger Americans were also far more likely to be pessimistic about the nation and their future than older respondents.

Just 42% of 18- to 34-year-olds said capitalism was working very or somewhat well, compared to 56% of their counterparts in the 65+ baby boomer category.

Similarly, just 18% of 18- to 34-year-olds described patriotism as very important to them, compared to 55% of over-65s.

The numbers come off the back of several key wins for far-left candidates across the US in the past year, many pushing anti-capitalism agendas and calling for socialism to overtake democracy.

They include Mayor Mamdani’s victory last November, as well as more recent wins last month for Democratic Socialists of America candidates in congressional primaries in New York and Colorado.

“A lot of people feel the American social contract, the informal sense of America working for everybody, is not working,” Republican think-tank writer Henry Olsen told The Wall Street Journal.

“They don’t think the public institutions are delivering on the promise for them,” he added.

‘My bad groper’ a Yalie

Ivy teen in subway ‘attack’ ripped harass training

By KYLE SCHNITZER,
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and NATALIE O’NEILL

A teenager busted for allegedly groping a woman with kids on the subway and saying “my bad” is a Yale student who once railed against sexual harassment training, sources said Thursday — as his high-profile lawyer insisted he’s innocent and called the victim “unhinged.”

Ari Shtein, 18 — who was freed by a judge after being charged with using his fingers to penetrate a 30-year-old victim as a group of kids watched on a Manhattan R train last week — is an aspiring journalist who once wrote an opinion piece calling sex abuse training on the Ivy League campus pointless.

“Sometime during our first couple weeks on campus, all freshmen were made to spend an hour and a half in a sex harassment training,” he wrote in the student-run Buckley Beacon newspaper last October.

“What exactly was the point of participation in this program … Was there anyone in that room who planned to go around harassing and assaulting their classmates without the understanding that it would be wrong to do so?” he wrote in the article, titled, “Cut the Fat.”

“Mandatory sexual misconduct trainings … [are] pretty good at convincing people that comments like ‘you look good in your jeans’ are always inappropriate harassment,” Shtein (inset) wrote.

The student is originally from Michigan and has retained high-profile attorney Priya Chaudhry, whose past clients include “Creed III” actor Jonathan Majors and Real Housewife Jen Shah. Chaudhry denied the allegations Thursday.

“Every straphanger has encountered unhinged people on the subway. Unfortunately, when Ari visited our city, it was his turn. Ari did not assault anyone. He was visiting bookstores with a friend when his life was turned upside down by a woman who falsely accused him of a vile crime,” Chaudhry told The Post Thursday.

Shtein is accused of putting two fingers inside the unidentified woman’s vagina as he stood behind her on an uptown R in Chelsea on June 28, according to police.

“My bad, didn’t know you were going to react that way,” Shtein allegedly told her after she recoiled in horror, according to police sources.

The victim was traveling with four kids, ranging in age from 7 to 11, at the time of the sexual abuse, police and prosecutors said.

Shtein describes himself online as a fan of “classical liberalism,” who writes about “philosophy” and “politics” for the Yale Daily News and The Buckley Beacon.

Shtein is spending his summer working at the Washington DC-based libertarian think tank Reason, where in recent weeks he has written articles titled, “Trump’s Trade War Caused a $15 Billion Decline in U.S. Farm Sales to China” and “New Study Finds Average College Professor ‘Only Slightly Less Left’ Than Bernie Sanders.”

He was charged with sexual abuse, aggravated sexual abuse, forcible touching and endangering the welfare of a child, prosecutors said.

At his arraignment in Manhattan Criminal Court, prosecutors said the alleged crime was witnessed by the four kids who were with the victim.

Yale didn’t return calls from The Post Thursday.

Says texts show beau beat me

An OnlyFans model accused of knifing her boyfriend to death in a Miami high-rise plans to use text messages about his alleged beatings to show she acted in self-defense, new court documents reveal.

Courtney Clenney, 30, claims there were at least nine times Christian Obumseli was abusive — allegedly punching her in the face and fracturing her ribs — in the months before he was killed in April 2022, according to the filings.

The social media vixen, whose trial is scheduled to start next month, outlines disturbing text exchanges to show she was tormented physically and psychologically by Obumseli, according to the motion to admit evidence, filed in Miami-Dade criminal court Tuesday.

The X-rated content creator was charged with second-degree murder and has said that she acted in self-defense. *Natalie O’Neill*

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Friday

Today: Showers and a heavier t-storm. High 86 to 92.

Tonight: Clouds breaking; humid. Low 69 to 75.

Saturday

Tomorrow: Not as warm with some sun. High 80 to 86.

Tomorrow night: Partly cloudy. Low 64 to 70.

Sunday

Mostly sunny. High 80 to 86.

Evening
Clear. Low 65 to 71.

Monday

Sunny. High 83 to 89.

Evening
Clear. Low 67 to 73.

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YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 6PM

Temperature
High: 82, Low: 71, Mean: 77

Departure from Normal
Yesterday: -1 degrees

Precipitation
Yesterday: 0.05", Month: 1.54",
Year: 19.36", Normal year to date: 24.88"

Cooling Degree days yesterday 12
Total for the month (normal) 119 (107)
Total since Jan. 1 (normal) 519 (415)
Last year to date 460
Heat Index (at noon yest.) 84
UV index (for Fri.) .... 9 (Very High)
Humidity (at noon) 88%

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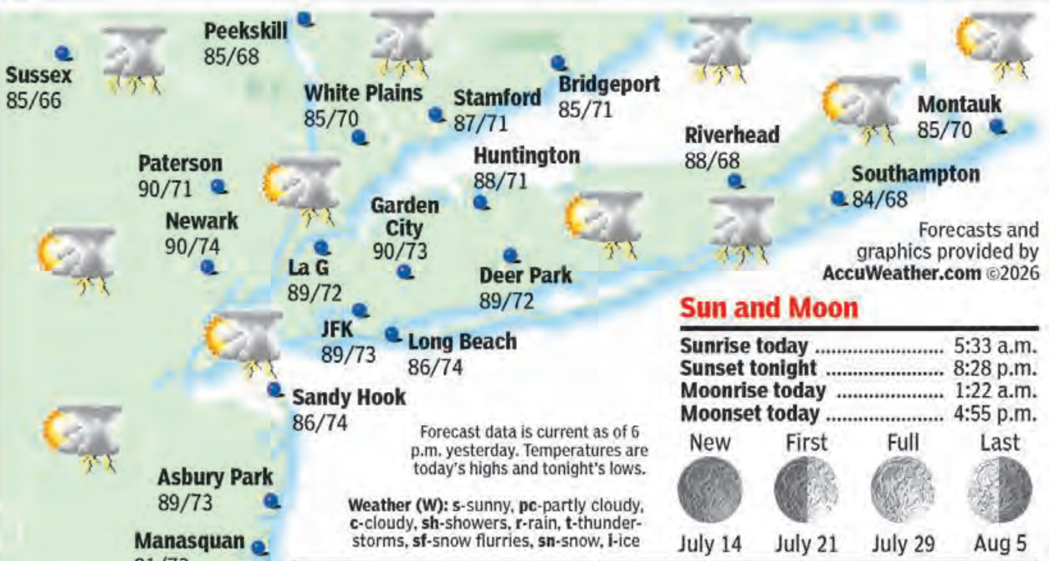
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Sun and Moon

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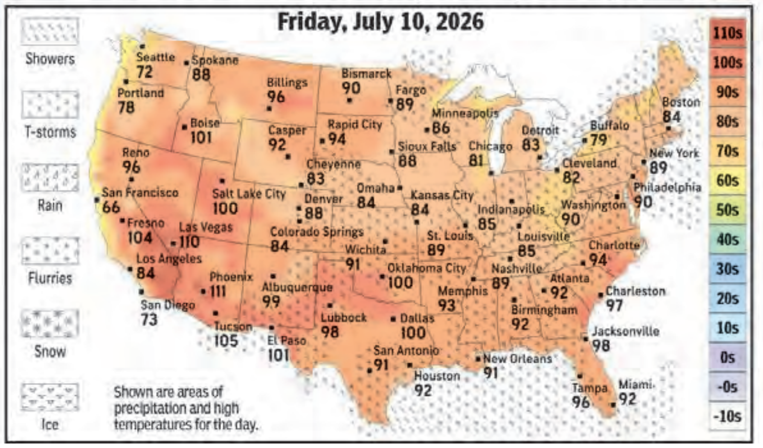
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Shown are areas of precipitation and high temperatures for the day.

New York Tides	TODAY		TOMORROW	
High Tide for	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
Coney Island	4:05a	4:40p	5:16a	5:45p
Fire Island	4:13a	5:05p	5:17a	6:02p
Hempstead	7:59a	8:22p	9:10a	9:27p
Huntington	8:02a	8:24p	9:06a	9:25p
Jones Inlet	3:49a	4:24p	5:00a	5:29p
Montauk Point	5:29a	6:12p	6:29a	7:07p
Port Washington	7:55a	8:19p	9:12a	9:28p
Sandy Hook	4:09a	4:44p	5:20a	5:49p

Regional cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	84/63/t	85/59/s
Danbury	85/67/t	82/61/pc
Glens Falls	81/59/t	82/54/s
Gr Barrington	82/62/t	83/54/pc
Kingston	84/66/t	85/58/pc
Liberty	79/62/t	79/55/pc
Monticello	81/62/t	81/54/pc
Newburgh	85/67/t	86/60/pc
Poughkeepsie	86/66/t	85/58/pc
Saratoga Springs	83/61/t	85/55/s
Stroudsburg	85/65/t	84/60/t
Torrington	84/65/t	82/57/pc
Syracuse	82/63/t	84/59/s

World cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	87/67/s	91/71/s
Baghdad	111/89/s	110/85/s
Beijing	81/75/t	84/75/t
Berlin	80/55/s	79/59/pc
Cairo	96/75/pc	97/74/pc
Dublin	75/56/pc	74/60/pc
Geneva	94/68/t	90/64/t
Hong Kong	92/81/sh	94/84/pc
Jerusalem	83/65/s	85/67/s
Kabul	94/67/pc	91/67/pc
London	90/65/s	89/62/s
Madrid	97/71/pc	100/73/pc
Mexico City	76/55/r	75/58/r
Montreal	83/60/t	82/62/s
Moscow	84/64/sh	79/63/t
Paris	97/71/s	97/72/pc
Rio de Janeiro	76/68/pc	76/68/s
Rome	91/72/s	90/71/s
Sydney	60/47/r	65/55/pc
Tokyo	90/75/s	89/76/pc

Hope for Peace

Trump's Ukraine shift offers breakthrough

JOHN HERBST

THIS week's NATO summit in Ankara may have finally brought a breakthrough moment in President Trump's efforts to reach a stable ceasefire in Ukraine.

The pivot point wasn't Trump's warm bilateral meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, surprising as that may have been given their fraught history. It came soon after, when Trump said he'll permit Ukraine to produce US-licensed Patriot interceptor missiles, which Kyiv desperately needs to blunt Russia's barbaric ballistic-missile attacks on its civilians.

The Patriot offer was exactly what Putin was striving to short-circuit when he called Trump on July 4. Last October, the Russian dictator used just such a chat ahead of a Zelensky visit to Washington to successfully dissuade Trump from sending Ukraine Tomahawk missiles. This time around, it fell flat.

Putin's failure was evident in the chummy public exchange between Zelensky and Trump when they broke the Patriot news in Ankara. "We've actually developed a good relationship! Hard to believe, right? From the Oval Office to now," Trump said, all smiles, as the Ukrainian leader sat beside him.

And when Trump asked Zelensky whether he'd go to Moscow to negotiate peace, the former comedian quipped that he wasn't sure that was possible, given Moscow's problems with Ukrainian drones. Both chuckled.

You can be sure they weren't laughing in Moscow. Trump critics have observed for months that Putin has been playing him — rejecting a half dozen American peace proposals, all while praising the president profusely. But after Ankara, arch Russian nationalist Igor Girkin Strelkov moaned that the developments had Trump leading Putin by the nose.

Ukraine's recent breakthroughs in drone, missile and air defense technology — which has given it a clear edge in the war for the first time since its successful counter-offensive in the fall of 2022 — made the Ankara gesture possible. Its large increase in the production of inexpensive drones and missiles — guided by intelligence coming from the US and other NATO allies — has enabled daily strikes against Russian resupply efforts to its troops behind its front lines, as well as deep strikes on strategic targets within Russia.

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Lovefest: Zelensky and Trump were all smiles in Ankara this week.

Over the past two months, these strikes have created major fuel, energy, food and even ammunition shortages in Crimea, which led to the transfer of Russia's Black Sea fleet headquarters to Novorossisk and forced many thousands of Russian tourists to head back home. It's also caused a drop of at least 25% in Russian energy production, increasing pressure on the already doddering economy. Gas shortages are spreading throughout Russia, and major weapons factories and communications centers have been destroyed.

Putin still claims he is advancing in Donbas, but the gains are minuscule. His forces have yet to take full control of the town of Konstyantinivka, which Moscow has claimed to be imminent at different points in recent weeks.

Worse for Moscow, Ukrainian drones have established a truly appalling casualty ratio of eight Russians for every one Ukrainian. This means that Russia in unable to replace every fallen soldier with a new recruit.

And the Kremlin has not been able to hide these latest unpleasant developments from its people. In posts on Russian social media, ordinary citizens are howling about the inconvenience of gas shortages and internet censorship. On Russian TV, political shows are talking about Moscow's inability to handle the challenge of Ukraine's drones.

That problem will only grow in the near term. In the months to come, Ukraine's drone output is expected to jump dramatically, Ukrainian officials told me at the Ukraine Reconstruction Conference in Gdansk two weeks ago.

But those same officials cautioned me about excessive optimism. Russian authorities are trying to develop countermoves to Ukraine's current drone dominance — and since the weapons evolution in this war is occurring swiftly, Moscow can also leap ahead.

That puts a premium on the current moment. Zelensky recognizes this: He's labeled his ongoing bombing campaign a 40-day "influence operation," meant to persuade Putin and the Russian public to make peace.

Team Trump would do well to take full advantage of this period. The administration should move quickly to resolve intellectual-property and supply-chain issues to get Ukraine's Patriot production facilities up and running fast. Trump can also work with his G-7 colleagues and add more sanctions on the vulnerable Russian economy to squeeze it even further.

That is true peace through strength.

John Herbst is senior director of the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center.

THE WEEK IN WHOPPERS

A diary of disinformation and the delusional

THIS SACRIFICE

> It is precisely because we love this nation that we will not leave it. After all, who loves America more than those who have sacrificed so much to make it free?

—Mayor Zohran Mamdani, Saturday

We say: Hmm — we missed the part where Mamdani made a personal sacrifice to make America free. Does he mean putting his rap career on hold? Also, "making it free" was never supposed to be about free buses.

THIS PATRIOTISM

> What greater form of patriotism is there than the belief that America is not yet finished?

—Barack Obama, Saturday

We say: Obama hit this same note throughout his presidency, and it's as off-key now as it was then. His idea of "patriotism" is pushing for radical change to make America unrecognizable.

THIS PRISONER

> The Israeli military kidnapped Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya a year and a half ago, and now he's been beaten, starved, thrown in solitary . . . for trying to save Palestinian lives.

—Darieliza Avila Chevalier, Tuesday

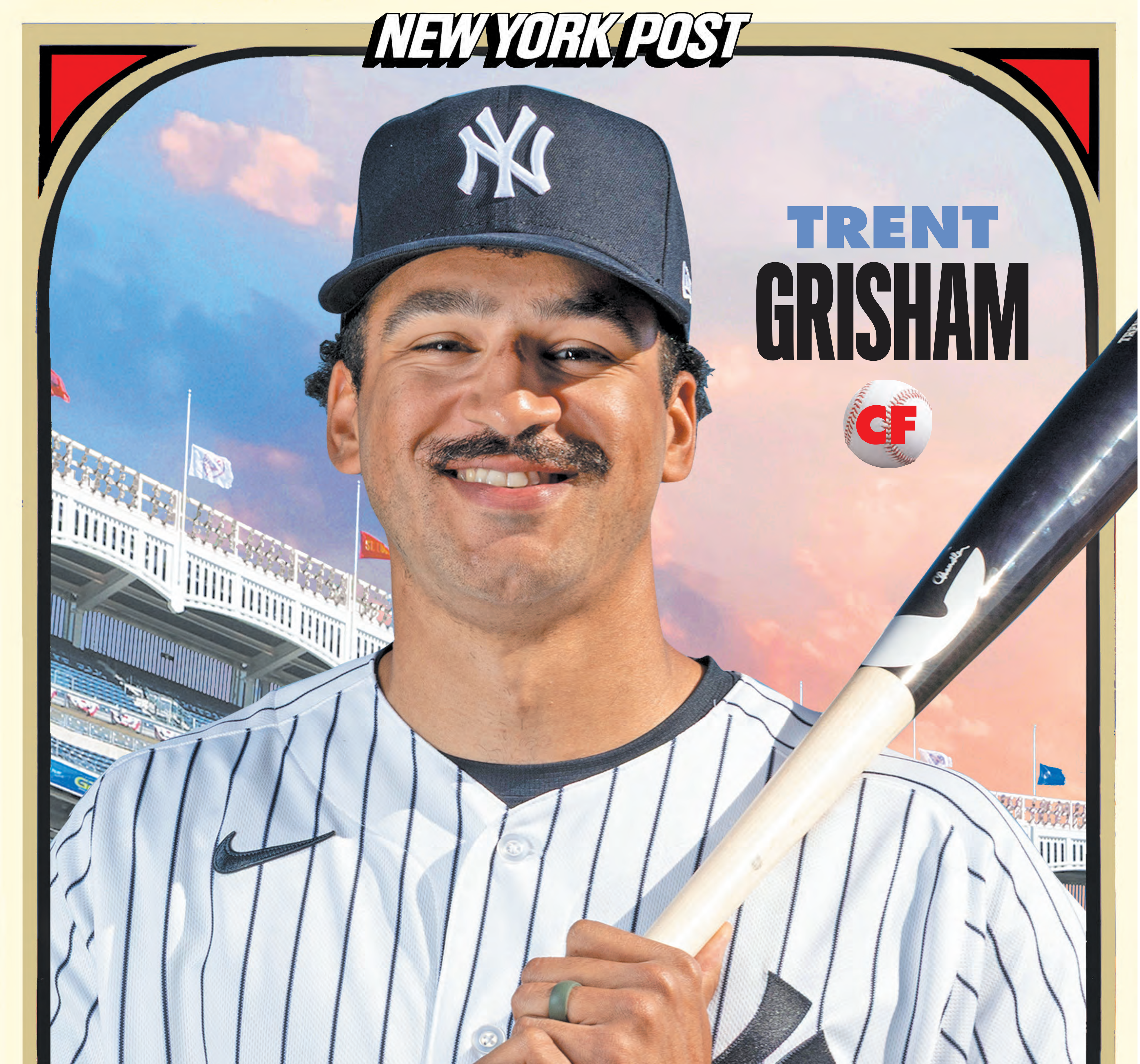
We say: Safiya's not in prison because he tried to save Palestinian lives. He's a senior officer in Hamas, the terror group that perpetrated the Oct. 7 massacre, and that's why he was taken prisoner. The antizionists need to pick better martyrs.

THIS ODOR

> I would have plugged my nose and voted for Graham Platner anyway.

—The View's Sunny Hostin, Tuesday

We say: Of course she would've, because Hostin (like most Democrat mouthpieces) has no moral compass, ethics or standards except gaining and keeping power. She was OK with Platner's Nazi tattoo, his racism and his active profile on an app designed for sex predators, so why would she object to alleged rape? — *Compiled by The Post Editorial Board*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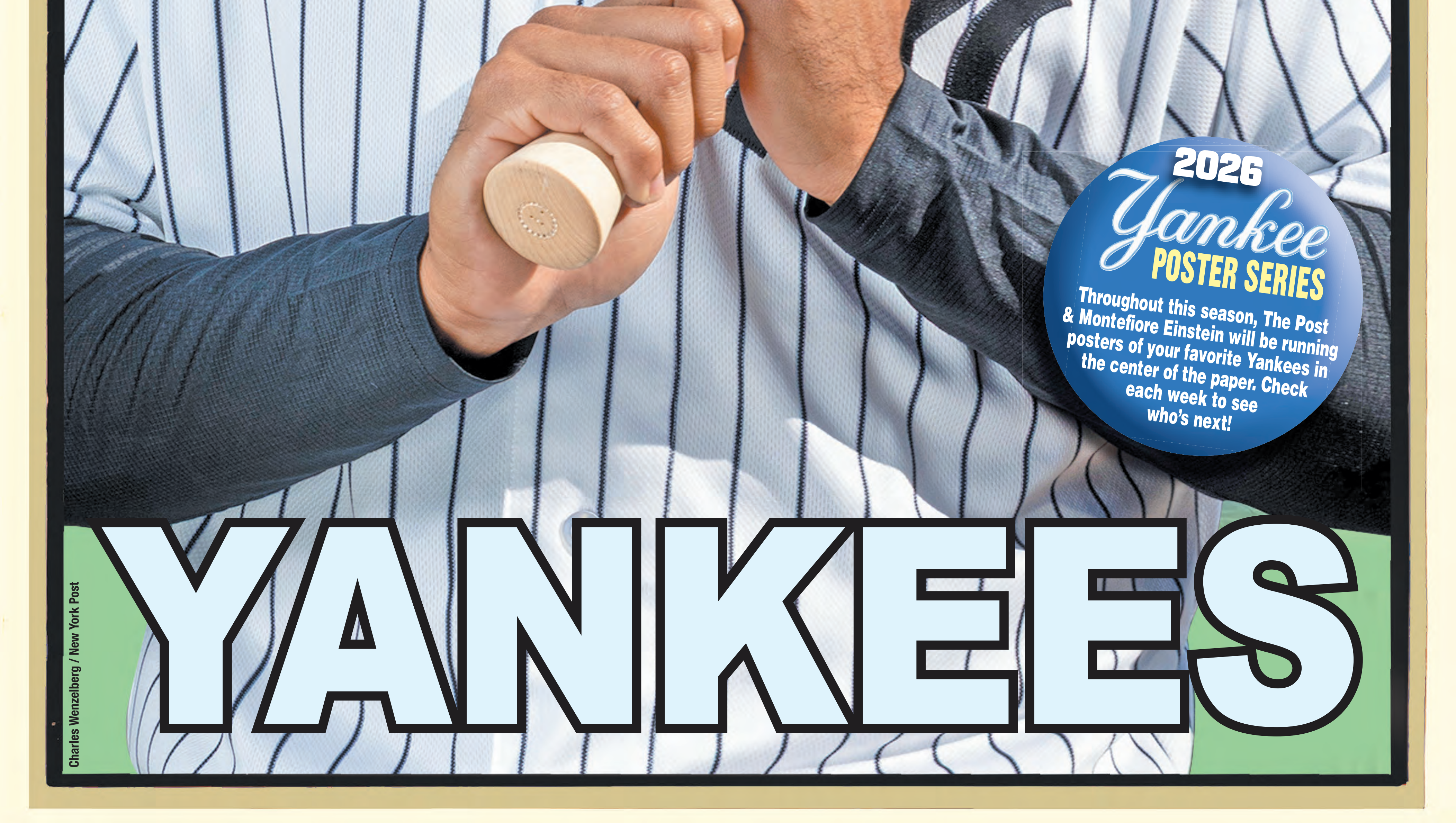
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Visa Fraud Robs Us *All*

Team Trump's anti-fraud campaigns are setting their sights on work-visa abuse — and not a moment too soon.

Wednesday, Vice President JD Vance and Labor Department Inspector General Anthony D'Esposito announced the launch of "a major investigation" meant to "combat fraud and human trafficking" in the H-1B visa program. Labor officials have already fired off dozens of subpoenas.

H-1B visas let employers hire highly skilled foreigners for positions they can't fill with US citizensl. D'Esposito told The Post that countless have instead gone to fraudsters who've scammed "hundreds of millions" of dollars from the medical industry alone.

Team Trump's focus on government-related grift has been targeting *billions* in health-care fraud. But the price of work-visa fraud goes far beyond the loss of tax dollars.

The IG notes his office has ID'd "employers and labor brokers" who "submitted fraudulent applications, exploited foreign workers through coercive wage-kickback arrangements, and undercut American workers by flooding the market with below-wage labor." Homeland Security reviews suggest up to a *fifth* of H-1B petitions are fraudulent.

These scams fuel "violent crime," explains D'Esposito, since the fraud is often "tied to cartels" and "transnational gangs." They place unqualified foreigners "in medical facilities and doctors' offices" who put "people in harm's way."

As with other government-related fraud, loose rules and lax enforcement allow crooks and schemers to exploit well-intentioned programs. In the Biden open-borders era, H-1B approvals soared to 442,425.

Yet, as Vance notes, these visas were meant "to ensure that if you were a brilliant technology person or a brilliant scientist or a brilliant doctor, you could come to the United States." Businesses — indeed, the country — *need* these highly skilled people to help America maintain its competitive edge in technology, commerce and other areas. So this fraud robs the entire economy.

Yes, the H-1B program is a "patch" on an immigration system that doesn't otherwise reward skills or address the nation's economic needs; the left for decades has blocked all larger reforms to address that failure.

But while it exists, it needs to run right: Good on Team Trump for cracking down on yet another scam that robs the entire nation.

The Secret of America's Success

In a slight twist on other 250th-anniversary polls about declining faith in the American dream, a Wall Street Journal/NORC survey shows dropping confidence in both capitalism and democracy — with support again dropping generation after generation.

We credit the decades-long progressive project of smearing the most free and successful nation *ever*, with perhaps a touch of social-media-fostered delusions about how tough life is for twentysomethings today.

Yet social media right now can point you to the truth — all those World Cup visitors amazed at experiencing the real America, with even Brits admitting they were wrong.

Americans' pessimism, in short, is significantly a result of limited information. E.g., European *and* American media prefer to obscure some pretty important facts, such as how Europe's GDP grew just 13.5% from 2008 to 2023 while US GDP nearly *doubled* — and America continues to outgrow the competition.

Yes, other surveys suggest pride in our country remains strong . . . yet the generational trends are consistent across them all.

An added worry from the Journal poll: More recent generations also show a *growing* belief that "the mixing of cultures and values from around the world" is important to "the United States' identity as a nation."

Cultures, sure: Just think about what a lasting boon Little Italy is to New York City.

But "values," *absolutely not*.

That is: People come to America because of what this nation stands for, and the miracles our system works; you truly become an American by embracing *those* values, not by imposing whatever ideas dominated in the homeland. The Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights and other core expressions of our Founders' beliefs must always define our identity: This is how we can *be* a nation of immigrants.

This, above all, should be the takeaway of America's 250th celebrations; it's how the United States can win 250 more years.

New York's Rigged School System

Lawsuits will never fix the city Department of Education, but hail to Information Technology HS teacher Susan Muzafar for exposing one damning instance of fraud that's endemic at DOE schools.

Muzafar says higher-ups (behind her back) changed a student's grade in her English class from an F to a passing mark, then penalized her for making a stink. The "upgrade," she argues, fits a *pattern* of handing out unearned grades in advanced classes.

Such cheating — by school *leaders* — is rampant across the DOE system. The Post exposed it at Brooklyn's John Dewey HS in 2015 (kids passed science class by watching "Jurassic Park"!) and in a long series of "worthless diploma" stories across a decade.

How many schools are playing these games to hide their failure to teach? The recent Success Academy study ID'd 906 failures — more than *half* the city's 1,600 schools.

Meanwhile, the State Education Department is lowering graduation requirements to further cover up failure all across New York.

The people in charge of the public schools — in the city and the whole state — don't give a damn about delivering for the kids, and the system's set up so they don't have to.

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Don't Pass Up This Chance To Finish the Job in Iran

THE ISSUE: The US-Iran cease-fire comes to a close after both sides launch new strikes.

President Trump

•Once again, President Trump has resumed military strikes on Iran ("Time for talk is Don," Mark Dubowitz, July 9).

I believe that he wanted to prove to the skeptics that he offered every diplomatic solution possible to a regime that is hell-bent on "death to America," and for that matter, to Trump himself.

I truly hope he demonstrates the fortitude to finish the job this time. The Iranians have proven time and again that they are not to be trusted and their promises are worthless. The Memorandum of Understanding is as good as toilet paper.

Bo Madden
Jupiter, Fla.

•Given the duplicity and deception of the ruthless and rabid theocrats and terrorists in the Strait of Hormuz, renewed military force and sanctions by the United States regrettably have become necessary.

This isn't the first time America has had to silence a regime threatening lives and shipping in an international navigable waterway. In 1805, Thomas Jefferson ordered a small force of Marines and mercenaries to topple Derna, a port city near Tripoli, the base for pirates who attacked shipping in the Mediterranean.

Then as now, diplomacy was tried first, but the only way to persuade Middle Eastern despots to cease their aggression is a show of strength, iron will and — when called for — overwhelming force.

Ira Cohen, Weston, Fla.

•Trump has shown extraordinary patience in his efforts to reach a peaceful settlement with Iran. Now it's apparent that negotiating with psychopathic religious zealots is not possible.

The president was absolutely correct to address the clear threat posed by a nuclear Iran.

With Trump in office and our military in place, there is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to destroy the existential threat Iran poses to the United States. Do it now, Mr. President. **Robert Mangi**
Garden City

•Like most bullies, Iran needs to be put in its place. Giving a bully space and freedom to behave as it so wishes can only lead to mayhem and endless suffering.

Iran should not be coddled; it must be shown that it cannot pursue its diabolical goals. If not, we all pay the price.

S.P. Hersh, Lawrence

•The success of Trump's war plans depended on one assumption: that ordinary people of every nation innately want a Western lifestyle, abiding by Western values.

If that assumption had been true, then, after the US military killed key figures in the Iranian theocracy, the ordinary Iranians would have overthrown their theocratic regime and begun preparations for new elections to install a Western-oriented government.

Unfortunately, the assumption is false. Europeans want Western-oriented democratic governments while Iranians want a theocracy. No foreign power is imposing this theocratic government on Iran; the regime exists because the majority of Iranians support and maintain it.

Dwight Sunada
Stanford, Calif.

•To say the Iranian people have "demonstrated extraordinary courage in confronting their oppressors" is a big bold-faced lie.

The Iranian people have done nothing with their opportunity to overthrow the government. When the United States began this war, the people were closest to change but haven't kept the momentum going.

Iranians better finally show some stones themselves because the United States isn't going to do it for them. If they allow this moment to pass again, they are fools.

James Schwartz
Summit, NJ

•The United States hit Iran for firing on ships in the Strait of Hormuz. Now the president has said that the cease-fire with Iran is over.

The leaders in Iran are out to lunch and don't understand Trump's will, which is to stay the course until peace is achieved.

Iran's leaders cannot be trusted and will pay the price for their deception and are hurting their own people who want only peace and freedom. As a Vietnam-era Navy veteran, I applaud the president for his actions.

Frederick Bedell Jr.
Bellerose

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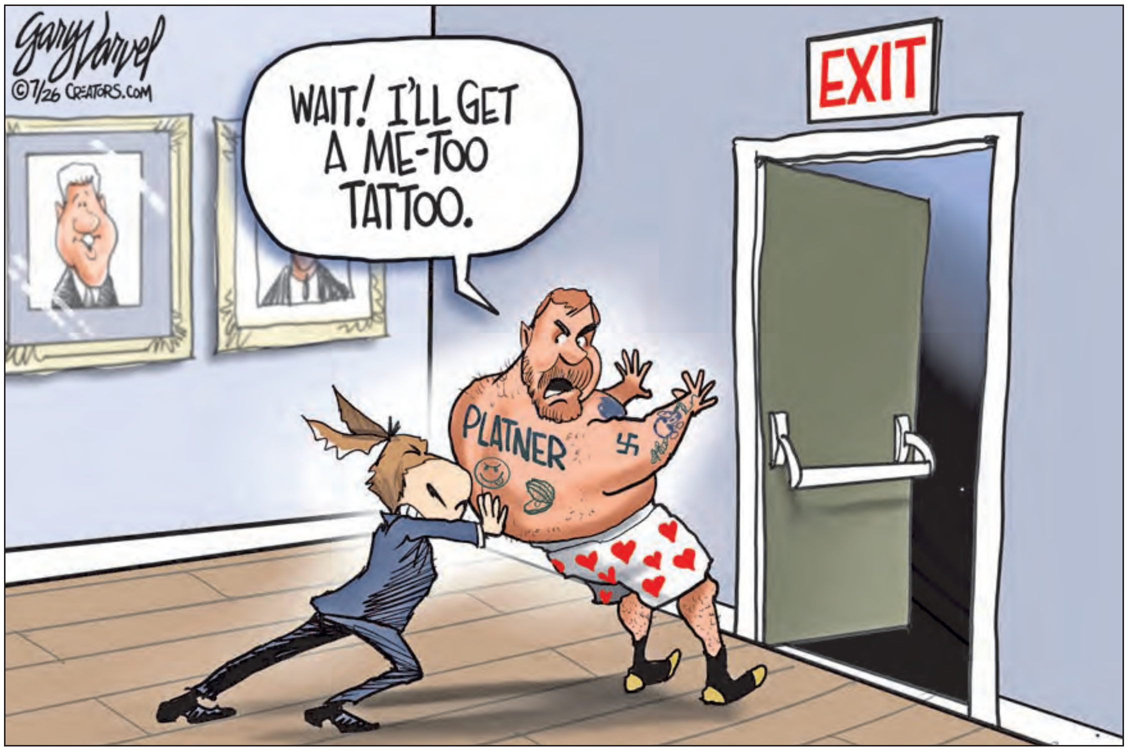

UNSHACKLE US ENERGY

STEVE FORBES

HUNDREDS of billions of dollars are being invested by every major economy around the world in the race to dominate artificial intelligence — but none of it will matter without the energy needed to run it. Every AI breakthrough will depend on data centers and computing infrastructure that consume enormous amounts of electricity.

In the age of AI, energy is king. Unfortunately for the United States, much of the federal regulatory framework still governing American energy production is mired in outdated and misguided Obama-era rules.

In 2009, President Barack Obama's administration issued its notorious endangerment finding for greenhouse gases. This ruling declared fossil-fuel emissions to be dangerous to public health, opening the door to federal regulation. It became the legal foundation for the next decade's war on coal-fired powered generation and some of the most aggressive federal restrictions ever imposed on America's power sector.

Reflecting leftist climate orthodoxy, it aimed to force America to reduce energy consumption and eliminate energy sources that had fueled our prosperity for generations. Those assumptions have aged remarkably poorly.

If America intends to win the AI race, it can no longer afford Obama-era policies designed to push some of its most reliable and abundant sources of energy out of the market. That's why President Trump must rescind the federal power-plant regulations, in effect since 2009, that were established under the endangerment finding's aegis.

There's precedent: In February, EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin rescinded similar regulations related to vehicle emissions. Applying the same logic to electricity generation would remove one of the largest regulatory obstacles standing in the way of the abundant, affordable power America will desperately need in the decades ahead.

The United States has an estimated 249 billion tons of recoverable coal reserves worth trillions of dollars — with electricity-generation potential to power American industry for years. Advances in plant design and emissions-control technology have made coal-based power far cleaner than ever before.

Exasperatingly, instead of harnessing this remarkable resource, the US remains beholden to the 2009 activist-driven finding that was designed to eliminate fossil fuels, no matter the costs for affordable and reliable electricity.

The activists wanted to replace those sources with heavily subsidized wind and solar projects that have failed to deliver the reliable, abundant electricity their advocates promised.

States like California and New York spent years rushing to retire traditional power generation sources — but now are scrambling as their pricey wind and solar projects fail to keep the lights on. With the AI boom only just beginning, the last thing America should do is bet its economic future on whether or not the wind happens to be blowing and the sun happens to be shining.

Those spending billions to build the AI economy have already reached that conclusion. Meta is partnering with Oklo to build a 1.2 gigawatt nuclear power plant in Ohio. Microsoft, Amazon and Google have all signed major agreements for nuclear and other reliable base-load power sources. They know, better than anyone, that weather-dependent energy sources alone cannot support the computing infrastructure AI will require.

The reality is America will need far more electricity, from every reliable source capable of delivering it, in the near-term future. That includes coal, natural gas and nuclear. With our national security and economic future on the line, we'll need far more of all three.

Rescinding the Obama power-plant regulations would help make that possible — and Trump and Zeldin could do it immediately. But extending the endangerment-finding rollback to power plants isn't enough to secure America's energy future: Congress must act, too.

Our legislators must codify the change into law to prevent a future alarmist administration from restoring it. The energy policies needed to support AI require long-term solutions that last beyond a single presidential term.

The nations that lead the AI age will be those that can produce abundant, affordable and reliable power. And the consequences of allowing an electricity shortage to cut us off from that revolution would be catastrophic.

America has the resources to lead. It should stop regulating them out of existence.

Steve Forbes is chairman and CEO of Forbes Media.

Kirk Conspiracists: Addicted to the Grift

DAVID HARSANYI

AFTER this week, anyone who still believes the online conspiracy theories surrounding the assassination of Charlie Kirk possesses either a dangerously low IQ or an irreparably broken moral compass. That's because the pre-trial hearing now in progress for Tyler Robinson, the man accused of assassinating Kirk in front of hundreds of students at Utah Valley University, is collapsing the madness in real time.

During his short life, the founder of Turning Point USA engaged in good-faith debates with young people on a wide variety of topics, and he did so in a cheery and civil manner. Agree with him or not, Kirk epitomized the best of American civic tradition.

Candace Owens, the grifter podcaster who's dedicated her popular show to promoting a string of unhinged conspiracy theories about Kirk and Robinson, represents the opposite. Owens' attacks have inspired scores of similar podcasts, spurring hundreds of thousands of listeners to become obsessive self-appointed forensic scientists, ballistics experts and criminal investigators — all out to prove that Robinson was merely a "patsy" for darker secretive forces.

Which forces? Need you ask? Jewish ones, of course: Owens almost immediately began floating the possibility that Israelis had murdered Kirk. Tucker Carlson and other antisemitic podcasters began dipping their toes in these familiar waters, too.

Bereft of decency, Owens has also regularly implied that Charlie's wife Erika had something to do with her husband's death, instigating a raging online mob into harassing and mocking the widow and mother of two young children.

Owens has spread the idea that Robinson, the 22-year-old gamer, wasn't even on the Utah Valley University campus when Kirk was shot. Well, during pre-trial hearings this week, prosecutors presented surveillance footage of Robinson stalking the campus all that day.

Owens has claimed she doesn't believe Kirk could have been shot with a bullet from the .30-06 rifle that Robinson allegedly used; more likely, she's insisted, he was killed by an exploding microphone or some other device she conjured up in her demented imagination. In court this week, prosecutors presented the medical examiner's autopsy report that carefully detailed how Kirk had died from a single gunshot wound to the neck.

We already know that the bolt-action rifle used to assassinate Kirk belonged to Robinson's grandfather. We know that Robinson's DNA was on the rifle, as well as on the towel found wrapped around the weapon, and that he threw the gun away near the shooting. We know that the hard-left Robinson had an ideological motive to murder Kirk.

Oh, and Robinson confessed to his lover, Lance Twiggs, and to his parents before turning himself in. On Thursday, Twiggs told the court that Robinson fretted the gun's serial number would trace it back to him. Pretty damning.

Believing Robinson is a "patsy" means believing that the White House, the FBI director, local Utah police, medical examiners, Charlie's widow, a bunch of Charlie's friends, multiple Turning Point employees, bodyguards, school officials, Robinson's parents, Robinson's boyfriend and many others were all in cahoots with whoever was pulling the strings. Millions of people will keep on doing just that.

Commentator Christopher Rufo says this week's court proceedings will "expose a lot of the worst grifters and psychopaths on the right, and the audience will eventually feel burned and start to turn on them. We're at the top of the market for right-wing conspiracy slop."

> **"Shame won't put a stop to this poison."**

That would be the best outcome. But it's unlikely.

Sure, some genuinely naïve listeners may have been gulled into falling for Owens' manic nonsense. And sure, the trial might suck some of the macabre entertainment value out of the case.

But conspiracists, who think "just asking questions" is a virtue, rarely let facts get in the way. A conspiracy theory is a never-ending string of half-truths, threaded together to create a narrative that's impossible to disprove.

Conspiracy theories grow with every denial. And when they can no longer grow, the conspiracist just moves on to the next enticing topic.

What the podcast grifters have probably learned from this sorry episode is that perpetuating "slop" translates into a lot of money and a big audience. They saw how many influencers could be silenced for fear of the mob — and how some, like podcaster Megyn Kelly, would be willing to join their racket.

Shame alone won't put a stop to this poison. Until the rest of us forcefully stigmatize, mock and explicitly reject the people who spread this garbage, they will persist.

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BEST SCORE 236

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

TODAY'S ANSWER

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PAR SCORE 155-165

Directions: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 Letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

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East dealer
Both sides vulnerable

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♡ J 8 7 5
◇ A Q J
♣ K J 9 7

WEST
♠ K 8 5 2
♡ None
◇ 8 7 3 2
♣ Q 10 8 6 3

EAST
♠ A J 9 6 3
♡ A 4 2
◇ 6
♣ A 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠ 7 4
♡ K Q 10 9 6 3
◇ K 10 9 5 4
♣ None

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Opening lead – ♠ 2

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Unlucky Louie says he could buy a two-pants suit -- and burn a hole in the coat. Louie is such a fatalist that even when disaster is clearly headed toward him, he won't get out of the way.

As today's South, Louie overcalled two hearts, and North bid game. East doubled with his three aces. He might have done better to bid four spades (he could make it), placing West with heart shortness; or West might have pulled to four spades.

West led the deuce of spades, and East won and switched to his singleton diamond. Louie won in dummy and led a trump.

East won, led a spade to West and ruffed the diamond return. East's ace of clubs didn't cash, but East-West still scored 200 points.

East's plan was clear, but Louie ignored the impending diamond ruff. At Trick Three, Louie must lead dummy's king of clubs, and when East's ace covers, Louie discards his last spade, a "scissors coup." Then West can't get in to give East a ruff, and Louie loses only three tricks.

Word Force

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From the word or phrase above, form **AT LEAST 17** five-letter words, without using more than one form of the same word. For example, drink or drank (not both).

ANSWERS IN TOMORROW'S POST

Yesterday's word:

FABRICANT

antic, atria, brain, cabin
cairn, carat, craft, faint
franc, raita, tiara, train

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Yesterday's Answer: Sub-primal

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Across

1 Places to feel kneaded?
5 Peter or Paul, but not Mary
9 Vocal quality
13 Part of some forests
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Calm returns

US stocks rose as fears about a return to full-blown war in Iran subsided, bringing down oil prices and quelling inflation expectations. A rally in chip stocks sent the Nasdaq up more than 300 points, or 1.3%.

Netflix pivot

Netflix is weighing plans to add live channels and bundling other subscription-based streaming services as the company struggles to keep viewers hooked, sources told The Wall Street Journal.

Betting bans

Wall Street giants Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley have barred employees from trading on prediction-market contracts linked to financial markets and political events.

VW in crisis

Volkswagen workers held protests across Germany amid reports the auto giant plans to drastically cut its model lineup and further pare back capacity. The restructuring could cost around 100,000 jobs.

Next darling?

South Korean chip giant SK Hynix will start trading on the Nasdaq on Friday after pricing its US shares at $149 apiece and raising $26.5 billion.

Sources: Reuters, Dow Jones, AP

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Making their own way

Meta, headed by Mark Zuckerberg, plans to make its own AI chips beginning this fall. The move is meant to reduce Meta's dependence on leading chipmaker Nvidia amid an overwhelming global demand for chips.

Reuters

Meta's going DIY on AI chips

By MARC VARTABEDIAN

Mark Zuckerberg's Meta plans to design its own artificial intelligence chips in-house starting in September — part of an industry-wide effort by the biggest names in AI to start making their own chips amid ongoing high demand.

Zuckerberg's initiative, known internally as "Iris," centers on developing custom silicon to supercharge the AI systems behind Facebook and Instagram, Reuters reported Thursday.

The social media giant — which expects to spend up to $145 billion on AI infrastructure this year — is working with Palo Alto, Calif.-based Broadcom on design and Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. on production.

None responded to requests for comment.

Supply strain

Meta Platforms joins a growing list of tech companies seeking to handle more of their chip development internally to cut costs and reduce dependence on Nvidia, which has dominated the AI chip business.

Even as Meta and other companies are launching their chip-building initiatives, the semiconductor industry remains under tremendous demand strain. AI companies' efforts to become more autonomous provide no silver bullet to the supply-chain conundrum.

Demand for manufacturing, packaging and other chip production resources continues to outpace supply, while several specialized chip-making processes are controlled by a small number of companies already operating at capacity even as they invest mountains of capital to expand.

Meta's latest project builds on a long-running effort. Its Training and Inference Accelerators program, launched more than five years ago, has focused on in-house chip development, though progress has been slow.

Meta plans to introduce a new chip roughly every six months through 2027, compared with the typical annual-or-longer release cycle for AI chips.

PRIVATE JET BUY FRENZY

AI wealth a driver

By ARIEL ZILBER

The blockbuster SpaceX IPO and a surge of wealth from the AI industry are fueling a buying frenzy in the private jet market, with brokers reporting a surge of newly wealthy founders, investors and early employees looking to snap up aircraft — even as inventory dries up and prices climb.

Business jet traffic is already reflecting the boom.

San Francisco, home to AI giants OpenAI and Anthropic, posted the fastest growth among major US cities, with business jet departures climbing about 11% from Jan. 1 to June 14, according to aviation intelligence firm WINGX.

Near SpaceX's Starbase in Brownsville, Texas, business jet traffic spiked 177% during the firm's recent IPO window.

Meanwhile, flights through shared-ownership programs rose 11.8% globally in the first five months of 2026, while flights operated by private jet owners increased 13.4%, according to Jetnet.

Many first-time buyers begin with charter flights, jet cards or fractional ownership before purchasing their own aircraft, industry executives say.

Charter operator Mercury Jets has reported double-digit growth in demand from technology executives this year, while Jet Linx said its business was up 60% through May, driven in part by strong growth in Texas.

The surge mirrors previous periods of rapid wealth creation.

During the dot-com boom, business jet deliveries climbed 24%, according to Jetnet.

Few top-tier planes

This time, industry executives expect demand to remain elevated as investors look ahead to potential IPOs from AI heavyweights including OpenAI and Anthropic.

Daniel Jennings, CEO of The Private Jet Company, told The Post the surge of AI wealth has transformed an already tight market for ultra-long-range aircraft.

"We only have single digit inventory" of top-tier jets such as Gulfstreams, Falcons and Bombardier Globals, he said, adding that buyers are increasingly competing for the limited supply.

One SpaceX shareholder who was already a jet owner recently approached Jennings to upgrade after cashing in on the IPO.

"This guy made 5 billion with a B," Jennings said.

The rush is colliding with the industry's busiest season, when buyers typically race to close aircraft purchases before year end to take advantage of tax planning.

"This year will be the tightest ever in the fourth quarter," Jennings predicted.

With Wires

Salvagni newest 'Mad.' man

Italian architect, artist and super-yacht designer Achille Salvagni has dropped anchor on Madison Avenue, The Post has learned.

Salvagni just paid $13.5 million for 797 Madison Ave., the former Tory Burch flagship building that last traded nearly a half-century ago.

Salvagni (right), who has a showroom at 817 Madison Ave. a few blocks away, is known for high-end home interiors as well as for $50 million yachts. The deal was brokered by Meridian Investment Sales' Henry Barnathan and David Schechtman.

The five-story building between East 67th and 68th streets has 6,800 square feet of indoor space and several outdoor terraces.

Salvagni's plans for the property weren't known. But an elated avenue source speculated, "He didn't buy it to store a few old sketches; he has something spectacular in mind."

The 797 Madison Ave. purchase is the latest boost to the glam shopping corridor north of East 57th Street. It also reflects the phenomenon of marquee-name retailers and other types of users to buy, rather than rent, prime buildings on Fifth and Madison avenues — including LVMH and the parent company of Gucci. *Steve Cuozzo*

Airbnb buy in NYC

Gets 1st Apple office despite rental barriers to biz

By ARIEL ZILBER

Unwelcome mat

Airbnb bought the landmarked Gramercy building as a hub for its regional, 600-strong workforce — even though NYC continues to restrict the kind of short-term rentals at the heart of Airbnb's business.

Getty Images

Airbnb is doubling down on New York City despite its yearslong battle with local officials over short-term rental restrictions, buying its first office in the Big Apple.

The San Francisco-based home-sharing giant paid $81.5 million for the landmarked property at 281 Park Ave. South in Manhattan's Gramercy neighborhood, The Wall Street Journal first reported.

An Airbnb spokesperson confirmed to The Post that the company bought the building, closing on the transaction Wednesday.

The six-story, 42,500-square-foot Beaux Arts building will serve as a dedicated hub for Airbnb's New York workforce of more than 600 employees in the region.

"This building reflects our long-term commitment to the city and will be home to one of our largest employee hubs outside of San Francisco," Airbnb CEO and co-founder Brian Chesky said in a statement.

"We're excited to keep investing in the city and the people who make it extraordinary," Chesky added.

The sale comes as Airbnb continues to push city and state officials to loosen New York's stringent restrictions on short-term rentals.

Local Law 18, which took effect in 2023, dramatically tightened enforcement of the city's long-standing limits on short-term rentals.

It required hosts to register with the city and forced booking platforms to verify registrations before processing reservations.

Supporters of the law argued it was necessary to preserve New York's housing stock and prevent residential buildings from functioning as unlicensed hotels.

Airbnb has countered that the restrictions deprive residents of supplemental income and have failed to address the city's housing affordability crisis.

According to the Journal, Airbnb contributed $10 million last year to its Affordable New York political action committee, which spent more than $1.3 million opposing mayoral candidates Zohran Mamdani, Brad Lander and Scott Stringer, all of whom have been critical of the company.

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Robocar safety glitch

The federal government is demanding that autonomous-vehicle companies address their driverless cars' pattern of impeding or ignoring first responders and emergency vehicles.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has documented incidents of autonomous vehicles driving into active emergency scenes and blocking the paths of ambulances and firefighters.

Autonomous vehicles have also failed to recognize traffic cones, flashing lights, and other safety threats such as smoke and fire, according to a Wednesday letter from NHTSA Administrator Jonathan Morrison.

Morrison called on autonomous-vehicle developers to give priority to improving the cars' ability to interact with first responders. *Dow Jones*

Fed advisers get nod

Federal Reserve Chair Kevin Warsh named more than a dozen external advisers to lead five task forces re-examining how the central bank operates, drawing mainly on academics, former central bankers and business executives.

Among the advisers: Greg Mankiw, a former top adviser in the George W. Bush administration, Nobel laureate Thomas Sargent, and Doug McMillon, former CEO of Walmart. There are also some wild cards, including conservative venture capitalist Marc Andreessen and two other movers and shakers from the tech world who will serve on a task force on employment.

The task forces, first announced by Warsh during his debut press conference last month, are the leading edge of an overhaul Warsh has pledged for the central bank. *Dow Jones*

Nic stox stigma up in smoke

Wall Street investors are reportedly flooding back into tobacco stocks, erasing years of ethical boycotts as the industry's aggressive pivot toward smoke-free products blurs old moral lines.

For nearly a decade, pension funds and major endowments blacklisted cigarette makers under strict mandates.

But that taboo is getting snuffed out. Tobacco companies generating massive sales from non-combustible alternatives are "rejoining polite society" and earning premium stock valuations from returning institutional capital, The Wall Street Journal reported Thursday.

The shift gained fresh momentum when the Food and Drug Administration gave the green light for Philip Morris to market 20 variants of its Zyn nicotine pouches as a less harmful alternative to traditional smoking. Last week's decision noted a reduced risk of lung cancer, stroke and heart disease for users of the pouches, which go between one's gums and cheek but don't contain tobacco.

Philip Morris now trades at a massive 70% premium over rivals still heavily dependent on sales of old-fashioned smokes. Rival British American Tobacco, or BAT, is executing a sweeping, tech-driven transformation to reclaim market share. *James Franey*

Home sales slid in June

Home sales declined in June, ending the housing market's key spring season on a sour note as buyers grappled with high mortgage rates and record home prices.

Sales of existing homes slid 2.4% in June over the previous month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.09 million, the National Association of Realtors said Thursday. The June decline marked a turnaround from an unexpectedly strong increase in May.

The median sales price rose 1.8% to an all-time high of $440,600. *Dow Jones*

SNACK SLUMP
Prices at pump blamed.

Junk's losing its gas

Consumers are buying fewer snacks as they pay more at the gas pump.

PepsiCo CEO Ramon Laguarta said the Iran war had a meaningful impact on business during the latest quarter, resulting in a slowdown in the conversion of traffic to purchases.

"Will it change in the coming months? It all depends on the price of gas," he said on a call with analysts Thursday.

Still, the food-and-beverage company said revenue climbed 6.4% to $24.18 billion in the fiscal second quarter, topping Wall Street forecasts. On an organic basis, revenue was up 2.4%.

Growth stemmed primarily from PepsiCo's international business, which helped offset continued North American weakness.

PepsiCo has spent much of the past year trying to win back cost-conscious shoppers, cutting prices on some of its chips and snacks. *Dow Jones*

Skydance stumbles

Paramount Skydance's stock dropped 4% Thursday, as investor worries grew over the media company's path to closing its Warner Bros. Discovery deal.

The transaction still faces multiple regulatory reviews and threats of state-level legal action.

Reuters reported late Wednesday that Oregon's attorney general's office said Paramount told the office it wouldn't close the $81 billion deal before July 22.

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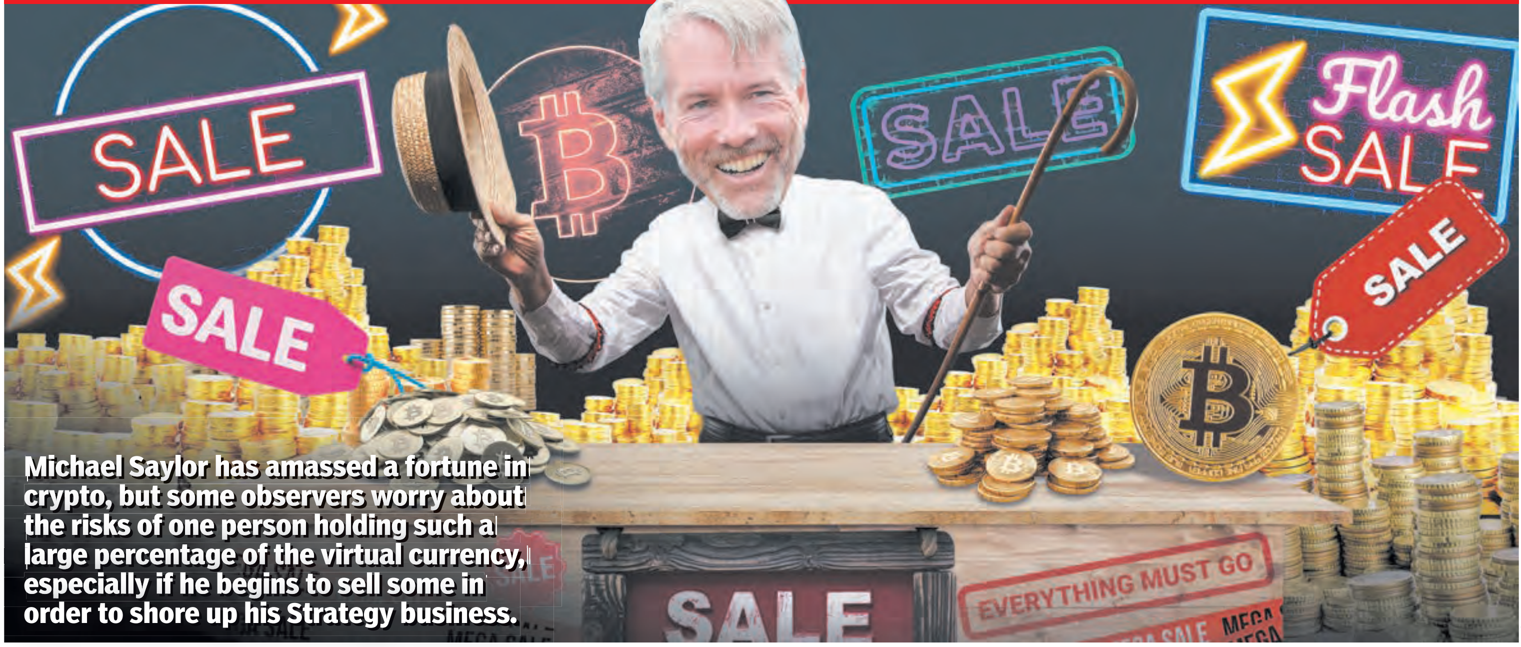

Michael Saylor has amassed a fortune in crypto, but some observers worry about the risks of one person holding such a large percentage of the virtual currency, especially if he begins to sell some in order to shore up his Strategy business.

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On the money
CHARLES GASPARINO

Bitcoin hoarder Saylor sparks waves of worry

YOU can add another brick to the "wall of worry" facing the $2.27 trillion crypto market — and it has "**Michael Saylor**" written all over it.

Saylor runs a company called Strategy, formerly known as MicroStrategy. It was a software company that under Saylor's leadership has been transformed into what crypto types call a major "hoarder" of bitcoin.

His strategy goes something like this: He sells company stock and preferred shares while purchasing lots of bitcoin. Strategy currently holds around 4% of all the available digital assets.

That's a lot of bitcoin, around 800,000 of them. With bitcoin last year hitting all-time highs of about $120,000, his investors have done well (60%-plus return over the last five years). That is, until recently when shares of Strategy began reflecting the downdraft in digital coins. The big question: Is Saylor going to turn the current bitcoin winter into the storm of the century for crypto?

Courting trouble

Along the way, there have been plenty of Saylor skeptics; the legendary short seller **Jim Chanos** is one. Chanos began shorting Strategy stock last year in an arbitrage play he described on my "Risk and Return" podcast.

Another has been my podcast partner, **Bob Sloan**, a longtime capital markets professional who now runs S3 Partners, a well-regarded market data firm that is often referred to as the gold standard for investor and trader positioning.

Any market that leans heavily on one investor buying and not selling is courting trouble when that buyer does become a seller, which given the volatility of bitcoin was always inevitable, Sloan argued.

Or as he put it: "Funding was required to keep his buying going. No funding equals forced selling."

Bob's bunny has a good nose (he's seen plenty of market ructions during his long career). I was reminded of this Monday when my old colleague at The Wall Street Journal, **Jonathan Weil**, did a deep dive into Saylor's business model. Weil raised questions about the in-house metrics used by Saylor that, he reports, have overvalued the company's stock that became his "currency to buy bitcoin." With that overvaluation comes the likelihood of selling as opposed to buying.

Informed of these sentiments, a press rep for Saylor didn't respond for comment. But Weil makes a compelling case that Saylor's strategy has some holes, as did sources, including Sloan, even before the WSJ piece was published. It's why the crypto winter is now likely to stick around until next spring as Saylor, the market's marginal buyer, could become a significant seller to support his stock price.

That's something he has been loath to do until Monday when Strategy released a filing that showed he recently sold 3,588 coins worth over $200 million. OK it's a sliver of his holdings, and the market is more than Saylor. It includes big Wall Street firms and plenty of long-term investors.

Maybe. Or maybe Saylor's selling is the start of something bigger and a crypto winter that lasts until next summer.

$100B reasons why there's no Charter deal

Comcast has eyed buying rival cable giant Charter Communications for longer than most people realize — but it hasn't pulled the trigger, and the operative word is "debt," On The Money has learned.

Specifically, Comcast CEO **Brian Roberts** — who unleashed an epic flurry of deal speculation when he revealed last week he planned to spin off NBCUniversal — isn't about to digest nearly another $100 billion in debt while he's in the middle of a massive corporate restructuring, sources said.

Those sentiments were directed to me by people with direct knowledge of the matter after we ran a story last week about bankers touting a Comcast-Charter tie-up, the idea being that the former is now effectively a pure-play cable and broadband distributor looking to grow.

"I just want to warn you about pushing the notion of that deal," is what I was told by someone who knows Comcast's inner workings. "Just look at all of the Charter debt."

A Comcast rep declined to comment.

The Wall Street rumor mill is heating up with all sorts of possible deals now that Roberts will have currency to expand a distribution empire that isn't bogged down by entertainment, which is seen as a drag on earnings. Charter's debt is enormous — around $100 billion on top of the $90 billion Roberts already has. So you see why he's more than a little nervous.

Charles Gasparino

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New York City Department of Transportation Notice of Public Hearing

The New York City Department of Transportation will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday July 22, 2026 at 11:00 A.M. The hearing will be held remotely on the following petitions for revocable consent.

#1 10E75th LLC – To continue to maintain & use a fenced-in area on the south sidewalk of E 75th St between Fifth and Madison Aves, in the Borough of Manhattan.

#2 18 Gramercy Park Condominium - to continue to maintain & use four (4) planters on the south sidewalk of Gramercy Park South, west of Irving Pl. & five (5) planters on the west sidewalk of Irving Pl., between E 19th St. & Gramercy Park South, in the Borough of Manhattan.

#3 45 Fifth Avenue Apt. Corp.- to continue to maintain & use two fenced-in planted areas on the east sidewalk of Fifth Ave north of E 11th St, in the Borough of Manhattan.

#4 David H. Storper and Tina Storper - to continue to maintain & use a fenced-in area on the south sidewalk of E 70th St, west of Lexington Ave, in the Borough of Manhattan.

#5 James D. Kuhn & Marjorie P. Kuhn - to continue to maintain & use a fenced-in area together with planters & an electric snowmelt system on the south sidewalk of E 73rd St, west of Lexington Ave, in the Borough of Manhattan.

#6 The Milan Associates L.P. – to continue to maintain & use a fenced-in area on the south sidewalk of W 69th St, west of Central Park West, in the Borough of Manhattan.

#7 Three Dogs LLC – to continue to maintain & use a fenced-in planted area on the east sidewalk of Fifth Ave, north of E 94th St, in the Borough of Manhattan.

#8 West 112th Street – to continue to maintain & use a planted area on the south sidewalk of West 112th St between St. Nicholas Ave and Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd., in the Borough of Manhattan.

#9 Y & A Realty LLC – to continue to maintain & use a stoop, steps & a fenced-in area on the south sidewalk of W 87th St, west of Columbus Ave, in the Borough of Manhattan.

#10 146 Willow LLC – to continue to maintain & use a stoop & a fenced-in area together with stairs on the west sidewalk of Willow St between Pierrepont and Clark Sts, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

#11 277 State LLC – to continue to maintain & use a stoop, stairs & a planted area on the north sidewalk of State St, east of Smith St, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

#12 Charles M. Royce Jr. – to continue to maintain & use a fenced-in area & stoop on the west sidewalk of Clermont Ave, north of Greene Ave, in the Borough of Brooklyn

#13 Gregory E. Bylinsky & Mae H. Hsieh – to continue to maintain & use a fenced-in area and stoop on the west sidewalk of Cheever Pl, north of DeGraw St, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

#14 Ravenswood Operations LLC – to continue to maintain & use a tunnel under & across 36th Ave west of Vernon Blvd., in the Borough of Queens.

#15 Ravenswood Operations LLC – to continue to maintain & use conduits under & across 36th Ave, west of Vernon Blvd., in the Borough of Queens.

#16 James Ducey & Judith Ducey – to continue to maintain & use a fenced-in area on the north sidewalk of Wakefield Rd., east of Woods of Arden Rd, in the Borough of Staten Island.

Interested parties can obtain copies of proposed agreements or request sign-language interpreters (with at least seven days prior notice) by writing revocableconsents@dot.nyc.gov or by calling (212) 839-6550.

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF QUEENS

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MAY 1, 2006, FREEMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-A, MORTGAGE-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-A,

Plaintiff,

Against

JASON DANTZLER, et al

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 07/21/2025, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in Courtroom #25 of the Queens County Supreme Court, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, on 8/14/2026 at 10:00AM, premises known as 137-23 Bedell Street, Queens, New York 11413, and described as follows:
ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York.
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The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is $950,940.48 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 726708/2021
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**NASSAU COUNTY
LEGAL NOTICE**

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BRUCE A. BLAKEMAN, County Executive of the County of Nassau, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Nassau County Charter and the laws of the State of New York, including Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, and the Nassau County Charter, to preserve the public safety and hereby render all required and available assistance vital to the security, well-being, and health of the citizens of this County, hereby exercise that authority and declare as follows:
WHEREAS, on July 5, 2026, and continuing thereafter, a weather storm is expected to produce periods of intense rainfall, winds and thunderstorms through July 7, 2026 and that high rainfall rates could cause rapid flooding of streets, highways, underpasses and residential basements; down trees and utility lines and which may result in road closures, travel disruptions, widespread power outages, and damage to public and private property, which pose a threat to public health and safety within the County of Nassau, and;
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a State of Emergency is declared and exists in Nassau County effective July 5, 2026, at 6:00 PM (EDT) until July 7, 2026 at 6:00 AM (EDT).
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that this State of Emergency will remain in effect until rescinded by a subsequent order.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that all departments and agencies of the County of Nassau are hereby directed to take whatever steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure, and provide such emergency assistance deemed necessary.
Dated: July 5, 2026

/s/
BRUCE A. BLAKEMAN
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**NASSAU COUNTY
PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY DEVIATION FROM USCG REGULATIONS

EFFECTIVE FROM 21:15 ON JULY 10, 2026 THROUGH 22:45 ON JULY 10, 2026, (RAIN DATE: JULY 11, 2026) THE LONG BEACH BRIDGE WILL REMAIN IN THE CLOSED POSITION.

**QUEENS COUNTY
NOTICE OF SALE**

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF QUEENS
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,
-against-
PETER BAILEY, ET AL.
NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens on May 27, 2025, wherein LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC is the Plaintiff and PETER BAILEY, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 88-11 SUTPHIN BLVD, COURTROOM 25, JAMAICA, NY 11435, on July 24, 2026 at 10:00AM, premises known as 12001 170TH STREET, JAMAICA, NY 11434; and the following tax map identification: 12387-117.
ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 717019/2022. Fearonce G. LaLande, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/ CLERK DIRECTIVES.

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Belgium does not expect any blowback for trolling Trump

By MICHAEL DUARTE

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Belgium's 4-1 dismantling of the United States in the FIFA World Cup Round of 16 wasn't enough. The Red Devils wanted the last laugh, too.

As Romelu Lukaku buried Belgium's fourth goal Monday night in Seattle, he sprinted toward the corner flag and with his teammates quickly joining him, broke into the unmistakable dance made famous by President Donald Trump at political rallies.

You know the one. The one that involves slow swaying fists and rhythmic shoulder movements to the tune of the Village People's "Y.M.C.A."

Later, the same celebration moved into Belgium's locker room, where players repeated the dance while singing along to the song that has become synonymous with Trump's campaign appearances.

Another jab at the Americans came in a message posted on Belgium's official X account shortly after the final whistle: "Overturn this."

It was Belgium's pointed response after FIFA suspended the one-match red card suspension of U.S. striker Folarin Balogun following reported intervention from Trump the day before kickoff. The controversial decision irritated the Belgian camp. The federation appealed the decision and lost, but the players turned their frustration into fuel.

By Thursday, the team was ready to shift their attention to Spain as head coach Rudi Garcia and Lukaku declined to revisit the controversy during a prematch press conference. But Garcia was asked if he thought the crowd would be hostile in Los Angeles on Friday as many Americans might still hold a grudge against Belgium.

"We just beat the U.S., obviously, in a match where everyone was against us," Garcia said. "I don't think the conditions will be any more difficult tomorrow. ... It's not the fans who score the goals, it's the players."

Still, the images of the Belgian players trolling Trump and the U.S. in Seattle still linger. But one could argue, the U.S. deserved to have their opponents celebrate by turning one of America's most recognizable political gestures into a victory dance, twisting the knife one final time before the Americans exited the World Cup.

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JUST FOR KICKS: Belgian players mock Donald Trump's dance while celebrating a 4-1 win over the USMNT on Monday. Getty Images

Post Time: **1:10 p.m.**
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Saratoga

Analysis by Vic Cangialosi

Lock of the Day
Hadrians Wall (1st)
Lock Record: 2 for 4 (50%)
Meet Record: 9/40 $41.22

1 — 1 1/8 miles; $115,000; mdn; 3up

Look for Chad Brown's **HADRIANS WALL** to move forward in the opener. Runnerup all 3 starts; twice at this distance, the latest off the layoff. **COMMERCE** debuted 2nd, then ran 4th behind Hadrians Wall. **PAUILLAC** Good 2nd at Aqueduct; not so good 5th at Monmouth. Brown gets Franco back. Best value.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Hadrian's Wall(L),121	F Prat	2-2-2	C Brown	4-5
2	Asked and Answered(L),121	J Rodriguez	2-8-5	Arriaga	8-1
3	Pauillac(L),121	M Franco	5-2-4	C Brown	8-1
4	Commerce(L),121	J Alvarado	4-2-x	Mott	7-2
5	Presidential Power(L),121	J Ortiz	6-x-x	Pletcher	5-1
6	Sorrentino(L),121	J Velazquez	5-5-x	Pletcher	8-1

2 — 1 mile(T); $115,000; mdn; 2YO(f)

Two-year-old fillies on the turf. **MARYS GUNNA RUN** sprinted home an energetic 2nd. Motion stretches the Gun Runner filly longer. **PROS AND CONS** Same story. Debuted a fast closing 2nd at Gulfstream. Sprint to route for Casse who gets J Ortiz to ride. **FIRE ANGEL** (Weaver/Franco/Fire At Will) and **GOLDEN SIREN** (Casse/Prat/Bolt Doro) are live first timers.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Pros and Cons,123	J Ortiz	2-x-x	Casse	2-1
2	Golden Siren,123	F Prat	x-x-x	Casse	6-1
3	Fire Angel,123	M Franco	x-x-x	Weaver	10-1
4	Bittersweet Memory,123	D Davis	x-x-x	Danner	4-1
5	Inside Edge,123	C Elliott	x-x-x	McPeek	12-1
6	So Angelina,123	J Rosario	7-x-x	Arriaga	20-1
7	Mary's Gunna Run,123	J Rodriguez	2-x-x	Motion	8-5

3 — 6 1/2 fur; $110,000; alw; 3up

Runnerup in the Mike Lee, **B THEDONALD** rebounds for DePaz. Winner previous pair. Choice over **KENNY B** who was 1st at Aqueduct, then a distant 2nd at Saratoga. **ON THE HILL** raced wide, finished 6th behind Kenny Be. Narrows the gap, 2nd off the layoff. **NEW YORK SCRAPPY** Versatile. Won last pair racing on both dirt/turf. Scrappy contender.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	New York Scrappy(L),126	S Gonzalez	1-1-2	Kantarmaci	6-1
2	B Thedonald(L),122	M Franco	2-1-1	De Paz	8-5
3	Runaway Joke(L),126	T Gaffalione	6-3-4	Summers	12-1
4	On the Hill(L),126	E Zayas	6-8-1	James Bond	9-2
5	Kenny Be(L),126	R Santana, Jr	2-1-2	Duggan	5-2
6	Share the Ludt(L),126	C Elliott	2-7-5	Giddings	10-1
7	Trust Fund(L),126	D Davis	11-7-4	Arriaga	8-1

4 — 1 1/16 miles(T); $120,000; alw; 3up

Late energy from **FAVORABLE SCENARIO** but he ran out of real estate and finished 2nd. Gets up, getting more ground, 2nd off the layoff for Chad Brown. **PLAYA DEL MAR** won last pair by open lengths. Again if we're off turf. **ELNAJD** made turf debut and reported home a neighborhood 5th behind top pick. Tough trip. Better 2nd time around the green.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Sardis(L),126	T Gaffalione	5-5-2	Kantarmaci	12-1
2	Thirteen Colonies(L),126	R Santana, Jr	5-2-6	Antonacci	6-1
3	Chips and Fish(L),121	R Silvera	5-9-1	Arriaga	30-1
4	Favorable Scenario(L),126	F Prat	2-8-2	C Brown	9-5
5	Debt Limit(FR)(L),126	D Davis	4-4-3	C Brown	5-1
6	Elnajd(L),126	M Franco	5-2-2	Cox	5-2
7	Golden Channel(L),126	J Ortiz	2-6-2	Weaver	7-2
8	Gulfy(L),121	R Santana, Jr	4-1-1	Rodriguez	4-1
9	Playa Del Mar(L),126	M Franco	1-1-2	Rice	8-5
10	Three Technique(L),126	E Zayas	2-4-7	Kantarmaci	12-1

5 — 6 1/2 fur; $125,000; alw; 3up

Not sure **WHATCHATALKINABOUT** liked the grass. Back to the dirt where he ran 2nd with comparable company at Keeneland. Won the Grade 3 Nerud last year but hasn't won since. J Ortiz stays on for Ward. Amelia Green's **CONTRARY THINKING** was 2nd and Linda Rice's **COMMUTED** was eased when they met in June. Contrary Thinking led late. Runs shorter but 0 for 2 at this distance. Commuted won previous 4 starts. Mott's **TIGER TWENTY FOUR** scored by a hard fought head, same distance at Aqueduct. Tigers tough again.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Tiger Twenty Four(L),126	J Alvarado	1-7-3	Mott	8-1
2	Paradise Valley(L),126	S Gonzalez	6-1-3	Kantarmaci	20-1
3	Vibrant Express(L),126	F Prat	6-2-1	Weaver	5-2
4	Contrary Thinking(L),126	J Rodriguez	2-3-9	Green	2-1
5	Whatchatalkinabout(L),126	J Ortiz	8-2-11	Ward	7-2
6	Commuted(L),126	R Santana, Jr	8-1-1	Rice	6-1
7	Dapper Moon(L),126	B Hrndz	5-7-1	Stewart	6-1

6 — 1 1/16 miles(T); $75,000; mdn clm($100,0); 3up(f)

Bold run from **PRIVATE PROPERTY**. Rallied from 10 lengths back to get within a 1/2 of the winner at Fair Grounds. Nevin gives her another 1/16 to get there. **LOVEONTHELEFTBANK** led, outkicked at the Big A. 0 for 3 at this longer distance but gets Franco back. **GUM** and **RESORT** ran home 2-3 at Laurel. Gaffalione on Gum; Johnny V on Resort. **FELIXYN** was 2nd at 19-1 in front of the favored Loveontheleftbank.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Gum(L),126	T Gaffalione	2-3-5	Motion	6-1
2	Resort(FR)(L),121	J Velazquez	3-3-4	Trombetta	8-1
3	Felixyn(L),121	D Davis	2-5-5	Morley	9-2
4	U Vicky(L),121	J Ortiz	5-3-12	Schultz	12-1
5	Loveontheleftbank(L),126	M Franco	3-3-3	Clement	3-1
6	Jordan's Love(L),121	J Alvarado	7-3-2	Morley	8-1
7	Epic Selloff(L),121	F Prat	3-x-x	C Brown	7-2
8	Private Property(IRE)(L),126	R Silvera	2-4-2	Nevin	9-2
9	Reconnected(L),121	Rider TBA	12-x-x	A Dutrow	8-1

7 — 5 1/2 fur(T); $125,000; alw; 3up(f)

Seasonal debut for **QUIET CONFIDENCE**. Went 2 for 7 last year including a W, this distance at Saratoga. **SING A LITTLE SONG** MTO. **ABIENTOT** ran home 3rd last pair, latest at Gulfstream in February. Won the Grade 3 Matron in 2024. Not since. Stretch running **SOMETHING STRONGER** and speedy **SADIE EARP** load off victories. Prat on Something Stronger. Sadie Earp is 0 for 3 at this shorter distance.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Capturing(L),126	J Ortiz	3-5-1	Pletcher	6-1
2	Shades of Jade(L),126	R Santana, Jr	7-6-1	Antonacci	5-1
3	Sadie Earp(L),122	E Zayas	1-4-1	Ward	2-1
4	Something Stronger(L),126	F Prat	1-2-2	Stall	6-1
5	Vekomancer(L),126	J Lezcano	4-3-8	Rice	15-1
6	Quiet Confidence(L),126	C Elliott	4-6-1	Ryerson	4-1
7	So Sophia(GB)(L),126	J Rosario	6-5-7	Arriaga	20-1
8	Abientot(L),126	D Davis	3-3-6	Casse	9-2
9	Sing a Little Song(L),126	Rider TBA	6-1-4	Atras	9-5
10	City Blocks(L),126	R Santana, Jr	4-2-7	Kantarmaci	8-1

8 — 7 fur; $37,000; alw; 4up(f)

Ha-ha! **JACKIE THE JOKER** brings a modest 2 race winning streak from Aqueduct. Three-peat in cards, same distance. She's fast. So is **PLAY GOOD PAY GOOD**. And she won 2 in a row before shipping from Finger Lakes. Did not perform well last time she ran 7/8. Santana rides. **BABY SASSICAIA** Turf to dirt. Lost by thismuch to top pick in May. 2 for 3 over the wet. Check conditions. **MISS LAO** won, snapping a lengthy losing streak. She's 1 for 8 at this shorter distance.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Ah Ca Ira(L),123	C Elliott	6-4-1	Dixon	6-1
2	Baby Sassicaia(L),123	H Harkie	3-5-2	Follett	5-1
3	Floge(L),123	R Silvera	7-7-4	Arriaga	30-1
4	Miss Lao(L),123	S Gonzalez	1-7-7	Kantarmaci	8-1
5	Jackie the Joker(L),123	J Lezcano	1-1-5	Ferraro	8-5
6	Play Good Pay Good(L),123	R Santana, Jr	1-1-7	Englehart	4-1
7	Dream On Cara(L),121	J Baez	6-3-7	Saul	12-1
8	Curlin's Magic(L),121	D Rivera	3-3-3	Arenas	10-1
9	Whistler's Style(L),123	D Davis	3-4-6	Ibrahim	12-1

9 — 6 1/2 fur; $225,000; Victory Ride; 3YO(f)

The feature is the Grade 3 Victory Ride. Asmussen's **IRON ORCHARD** makes her 3YO debut. Went 3 for 4 in her 2YO campaign. The loss was in the longer BC Juvenile Fillies. Asmussen's **GOODALL**, **CARMEL COAST** and **MYTHICAL** ran home 1-2-3 in the Jersey Girl. Carmel Coast is 2 for 2 at this distance. **PEACH TIE** won the Ms Preakness. Best value.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Sippin Pretty,120	R Santana, Jr	6-1-1	Wilkes	20-1
2	Iron Orchard,124	J Rosario	9-1-1	Asmussen	5-1
3	Carmel Coast,120	T Gaffalione	2-1-6	Beckman	8-1
4	Sneaky Good,122	J Ortiz	4-2-3	Cox	8-1
5	Tommy Jo,124	J Velazquez	5-1-1	Pletcher	7-2
6	Peach Tie,124	M Franco	1-2-1	Russell	12-1
7	Mythical,124	E Zayas	3-1-1	Delgado	9-2
8	Tessellate,122	D Davis	2-1-6	Joseph	20-1
9	A Fine Chardonnay,124	B Hrndz	5-1-3	Wilkes	12-1
10	Goodall,122	F Prat	1-5-1	Asmussen	3-1

10 — 5 1/2 fur(T); $62,000; mdn clm($55,000); 3up

INK LIES moves lower for Ward in the finale. Runnerup, lone try at this distance. **TWO DUCKS** Board hitter last 3 grass starts. Gaffalione replaces Elliot. Stays on **TWENTY TWO BLACK** for McPeek. One turf start. A tired 6th. My hang on and get a piece tightening to a sprint.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Two Ducks(L),122	T Gaffalione	2-3-3	C Martin	5-2
2	Funky See Funky Do(L),122	E Zayas	10-3-12	Summers	8-1
3	Yahearmenow(L),126	C Gonzalez	x-x-x	Hooper	20-1
4	Ink Lies(L),126	J Ortiz	6-2-6	Ward	8-5
5	Twenty Two Black(L),122	C Elliott	2-6-3	McPeek	5-1
6	Bourbon Hangover(L),122	H Harkie	6-7-x	Keithan	20-1
7	Relative Risk(M),122	J Rodriguez	x-x-x	Bartkowski	15-1
8	Rare Eclipse(L),122	R Santana, Jr	4-5-4	Brion	10-1
9	Nod to Tran(L),126	R Gutierrez	3-7-5	DiPrima	10-1

PLAY OF THE DAY

Waited for Russi (6-1) to make a move but he raced evenly, mid-pack. Loss of -$40.

Friday's Race 9 is the Victory Ride. Play $20 to win and place on Iron Orchard.

— Vic Cangialosi

Saratoga Results

FIRST-1 mile; $59,000; clm($40,0); 3up (f&m)

6	Bow Draw (Ortiz)	4.52	2.38	
3	Tough Street (Franco)		2.52	

Scr: Snide, Royal Bobbie
● $1 Exacta (6-3) $5.83

SECOND-5½ fur; $115,000; mdn spl wt; 2YO

6	Generatonal (Prat)	7.54	3.52	2.48
3	Just a Holiday (Davis)		5.50	3.00
5	Beach Sandals (Ortiz)			3.26

● $1 Daily Double (6-6) $10.92 ● $1 Exacta (6-3) $19.10 ● $1 Quinella (3-6) $10.10 ● $0.1 Superfecta (6-3-5-2) $27.70 ● $0.5 Trifecta (6-3-5) $25.75

Quinella picked by Vic C

THIRD-6½ fur; $115,000; mdn; 3up (f&m)

5	Cold Spll (Vlzquz)	2.66	2.10	2.10
4	Fletch's Rockett (Alvrdo)		4.20	2.66
7	Lil Tipsy (Franco)			2.48

● $1 Pick 3 (6-6-5) $14.97 ● $1 Daily Double (6-5) $5.70 ● $1 Exacta (5-4) $4.56 ● $0.1 Superfecta (5-4-7-3) $1.64 ● $0.5 Trifecta (5-4-7) $4.20

Exacta picked by Vic C (Lock)

FOURTH-1 mile; $42,000; cl($20,0); 3upf

5	Karey (Elliott)	9.44	3.50	2.34
4	Margarita Molly (Prat)		2.76	2.10
1	Miss American Pie (Gaffalone)			2.42

Scr: Twirly, Amelia's Echo
● $1 Pick 3 (6-5-5) $29.00 ● $1 Daily Double (5-5) $6.70 ● $1 Exacta (5-4) $10.25 ● $1 Quinella (4-5) $3.54 ● $0.1 Superfecta (5-4-1-6) $5.86 ● $0.5 Trifecta (5-4-1) $15.03

Quinella picked by Vic C

FIFTH-1 mile; $120,000; alw; 3up (f&m)

3	Soarng Hgh (Ortz)	3.22	2.44	2.10
5	Hidden Rose (Gaffalione)		5.92	3.96
2	Brunch With Amy (Prat)			2.82

● $1 Pick 3 (5-5-3) $10.40 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (6-5-5-3) $29.62 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (1/2/6-6-5-5-3) $87.90 ● $1 Daily Double (5-3) $9.07 ● $1 Exacta (3-5) $7.76 ● $0.1 Superfecta (3-5-2-6) $11.87 ● $0.5 Trifecta (3-5-2) $11.14

Winner picked by Vic C

SIXTH-1 mile; $125,000; alw; 3up (f&m)

1	Qn f Hw (IRE) (Ortz)	11.20	5.48	3.76
2	Play With Fire (Prat)		3.96	3.02
5	Brisbane (FR) (Franco)			4.86

Scr: Sailaway, Pop Art
● $1 Pick 3 (5-3-1) $46.90 ● $1 Daily Double (3-1) $11.15 ● $1 Exacta (1-2) $15.33 ● $0.1 Superfecta (1-2-5-9) $28.65 ● $0.5 Trifecta (1-2-5) $29.26

SEVENTH-6 fur; $52,000; clm($20,000); 4up

2	Gatsby (Franco)	11.64	4.74	2.90
9	Red State (Santana,Jr.)		3.36	2.86
3	Factually Correct (Silvera)			3.34

Scr: Screaming Uncle
● $1 Pick 3 (3-1-2) $44.65 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (5-5-3-1-2) $187.00 ● $1 Daily Double (1-2) $39.89 ● $1 Exacta (2-9) $15.52 ● $0.1 Superfecta (2-9-3-4) $32.72 ● $0.5 Trifecta (2-9-3) $29.54

EIGHTH-5½ fur; $78,000; alw; 3up

11	Aftr Txs (IRE) (Dvs)	18.72	7.94	5.50
7	Joker On Fire (Lezcano)		4.68	3.28
1	Ambassador Blue (Rosario)			9.02

Scr: Farm Team, Golden Symphony, Math Tutor, Momentum Files
● $1 Grand Slam (2/3/5-1/2/5-2/3/9-11) $22.04 ● $1 Pick 3 (1-2-11) $276.41 ● $1 Daily Double (2-11) $60.10 ● $1 Exacta (11-7) $40.53 ● $0.1 Superfecta (11-7-1-2) $252.32 ● $0.5 Trifecta (11-7-1) $329.14

NINTH-1 1/16 mile; $115,000; mdn; 3up

2	Iron Palace (Zays)	57.14	20.58	15.06
7	Bull Shoals (Morelos)		12.62	4.64
1	Pay the Piper (Franco)			5.64

Scr: Sorrentino, Asked and Answered, Democracy Defender
● $1 Pick 6 (5-3-1-2-11-2) $1327.08 ● $1 Pick 3 (2-11-2) $821.07 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (1-2-11-2) $3327.95 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (3-1-2-11-2) $6630.80 ● $1 Daily Double (11-2) $223.02 ● $1 Exacta (2-7) $427.35 ● $0.1 Superfecta (2-7-1-11) $2474.17 ● $0.5 Trifecta (2-7-1) $1147.70

Yonkers entries for Friday

Post Time: 6:45 p.m.

FIRST: Mile pace; $15,000; claiming

1	Vegas Strip N	(ASiegelman)	8-4-6	8-1
2	Delightful Terror	(SSmith)	6-6-8	20-1
3	SaranacBlueChip	(Brennan)	7-1-2	9-5
4	Gothic Rock	(VGinsburg)	5-2-1	15-1
5	Dancininthefire	(CKelly)	4-3-1	6-1
6	Sailboat Hanover	(BHolland)	1-2-2	5-2
7	Hurrikanekingjames	(JStrttn)	2-3-4	9-2
8	Dismas	(JMarohn)	5-5-5	15-1

SECOND: Mile pace; $15,000; cond

1	Catnap	(VGinsburg)	4-8-2	8-1
2	Thundra	(PLachance)	4-6-4	12-1
3	More Gooda N	(BHolland)	3-5-5	2-1
4	Onederfulbeach	(CKelly)	5-2-7	6-1
5	Coachellabound N	(TButer)	3-2-5	8-5
6	Laurie Lee	(JMarohn)	5-7-4	5-1
7	Pink Ruby	(JStratton)	8-3-X	15-1

THIRD: Mile pace; $21,000; cond

1	Survivin Fire	(GBrennan)	3-6-6	5-1
2	Island Bouhinia A	(TButer)	2-5-2	9-2
3	Cruise Alert	(JStratton)	8-4-1	6-1
4	TrueBlueHanver	(ASegelmn)	5-5-4	8-1
5	PromisingMoment	(BHollnd)	4-3-1	10-1
6	Lydeo	(JMarohn)	4-3-2	3-1
7	Aardie B Miki N	(CKelly)	2-3-7	5-2

FOURTH: Mile trot; $19,000; cond

1	Lucky Mum N	(ASiegelman)	6-5-7	3-1
2	Sunday's Brunch	(JStratton)	2-6-6	8-1
3	AndoverContessa	(GBrennn)	4-1-3	12-1
4	Aquarius Face S	(TButer)	6-4-4	6-5
5	E-Pass	(BHolland)	6-3-3	4-1
6	Warrior One	(CKelly)	3-8-6	20-1
7	Kasha V	(JMarohn)	5-4-5	20-1
8	Be Different	(VGinsburg)	3-5-1	20-1

FIFTH: Mile pace; $23,000; cond

1	Shez The Reason A	(SSmith)	6-4-2	12-1
2	Twin B Echo	(BHolland)	1-1-2	6-5
3	Lucky Artist A	(VGinsburg)	6-4-3	6-1
4	Ideal Cover	(PLachance)	2-8-8	8-1
5	Bout Damn TimeA	(JStratton)	1-4-3	5-1
6	Dw's Darlene	(TButer)	4-2-6	8-1
7	Avf Claire	(CKelly)	5-2-X	12-1
8	Elusive A	(ASiegelman)	5-1-3	12-1

SIXTH: Mile pace; $28,000; cond

1	Nila Maree N	(JMarohn)	2-1-3	5-2
2	Hunting Hula	(PLachance)	7-2-6	20-1
3	Waitforever N	(BHolland)	1-2-1	9-2
4	Sheer Artistry N	(GBrennan)	5-1-2	6-1
5	Time To Strike	(TButer)	4-1-5	5-1
6	Worklifebalance	(JStratton)	1-2-2	2-1
7	Elektra A	(CKelly)	3-7-1	12-1

SEVENTH: Mile trot; $21,000; cond

1	SantsPreserveUs	(Segelmn)	5-6-1	10-1
2	Zenmeister S	(CKelly)	4-7-7	3-1
3	Musical Ride	(PLachance)	6-5-2	15-1
4	Pembroke Regal	(GBrennan)	4-6-2	12-1
5	Sir Maverick	(JMarohn)	3-3-3	4-1
6	Stormont Divide	(JStratton)	1-3-8	6-1
7	Highlandstarburst	(TButer)	1-2-6	9-5
8	Global Twist	(BHolland)	3-5-5	20-1

EIGHTH: Mile pace; $43,000; Invitational

1	Ambushed	(JStratton)	3-4-2	12-1
2	Raspalia N	(TButer)	3-6-1	2-1
3	Front PageStory	(Lachance)	1-5-5	6-1
4	Tick A Loch A	(BHolland)	5-6-1	7-2
5	Stayngwththewnd	(Brennn)	2-3-7	5-1
6	Coastal Babe N	(CKelly)	4-7-3	4-1
7	Seaside Diva	(SSmith)	7-1-3	12-1

NINTH: Mile trot; $23,000; cond

1	Vinny De Vie	(BHolland)	8-2-2	5-1
2	I'm Out	(JMarohn)	7-7-1	12-1
3	WindsongPineer	(ASegelmn)	8-6-1	20-1
4	Ma Isabelle	(PLachance)	6-5-3	7-2
5	Onajetplane	(NKarna)	2-3-8	2-1
6	Honolulu Hanover	(TButer)	1-6-4	5-1
7	Khaosan Road	(CKelly)	5-1-2	8-1
8	Hot Flash Kimmy	(JStratton)	7-2-3	6-1

TENTH: Mile pace; $15,000; cond

1	Texas Holdem	(RSchnittker)	7-7-6	9-2
2	Heza Risk Taker A	(BHolland)	5-4-5	6-5
3	Mad River	(CKelly)	8-4-4	6-1
4	Tip Of Time	(PLachance)	5-4-2	15-1
5	Captain Awesome	(Stratton)	8-7-7	15-1
6	MajorcrowdcontrlA	(JMarhn)	4-5-3	10-1
7	Feelin Western	(GBrennan)	7-8-7	8-1
8	Lamandier A	(ASiegelman)	6-5-4	15-1

AL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Tampa Bay	54	37	.593	—	—	6-4	L-1	33-14	21-23
Yankees	51	42	.548	4	+4½	3-7	W-1	23-20	28-22
Toronto	44	49	.473	11	2½	5-5	W-2	24-25	20-24
Boston	43	48	.473	11	2½	8-2	W-6	17-27	26-21
Baltimore	43	51	.457	12½	4	4-6	W-1	25-25	18-26

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Cleveland	48	46	.511	—	+1	4-6	W-1	24-22	24-24
Chicago	47	45	.511	—	—	4-6	L-3	28-17	19-28
Minnesota	46	48	.489	2	1	7-3	L-1	24-24	22-24
Detroit	43	50	.462	4½	3½	8-2	W-5	26-21	17-29
Kansas City	38	56	.404	10	9	4-6	L-2	21-26	17-30

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Texas	47	46	.505	—	—	6-4	W-1	22-21	25-25
Seattle	47	47	.500	½	—	5-5	L-3	27-20	20-27
Houston	46	49	.484	2	1½	5-5	L-1	23-24	23-25
Athletics	41	52	.441	6	5½	1-9	L-6	19-28	22-24
Los Angeles	37	57	.394	10½	10	2-8	L-1	21-25	16-32

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Thursday

Mets 7, Kansas City 3
Yankees 12, Tampa Bay 4
Cleveland 5, Minnesota 2
Baltimore 3, Cubs 2
Boston 2, White Sox 1
Detroit 4, Athletics 1
Miami 8, Seattle 4
Texas 7, L.A. Angels 6

Friday

Yankees at Washington, 6:45
Boston at **Mets**, 7:15
Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:40
Kansas City at Baltimore, 7:05
Cleveland at Miami, 7:10
Seattle at Tampa Bay, 7:10
Athletics at White Sox, 7:40
Houston at Texas, 8:05
L.A. Angels at Minnesota, 8:10
Toronto at San Diego, 9:40

NL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Atlanta	54	38	.587	—	—	5-5	W-2	27-18	27-20
Miami	52	42	.553	3	—	8-2	W-6	31-17	21-25
Philadelphia	52	42	.553	3	—	5-5	W-1	25-21	27-21
Washington	48	46	.511	7	4	6-4	W-1	20-28	28-18
Mets	40	54	.426	15	12	5-5	W-2	21-25	19-29

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Milwaukee	59	34	.634	—	—	7-3	W-1	29-18	30-16
Chicago	52	41	.559	7	+½	7-3	L-1	27-19	25-22
St. Louis	48	44	.522	10½	3	4-6	L-1	24-25	24-19
Pittsburgh	47	47	.500	12½	5	5-5	L-2	24-24	23-23
Cincinnati	42	50	.457	16½	9	3-7	L-1	21-26	21-24

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Los Angeles	61	33	.649	—	—	7-3	W-1	31-16	30-17
Arizona	46	47	.495	14½	5½	5-5	W-1	27-20	19-27
San Diego	46	47	.495	14½	5½	3-7	L-1	25-23	21-24
San Francisco	39	54	.419	21½	12½	4-6	W-1	20-24	19-30
Colorado	38	57	.400	23½	14½	5-5	L-2	22-25	16-32

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Atlanta 10, Pittsburgh 5
Baltimore 3, Cubs 2
Philadelphia 1, Cincinnati 0
Miami 8, Seattle 4
Milwaukee 8, St. Louis 4
Arizona 3, San Diego 1
San Francisco 8, Colorado 2

Friday

Yankees at Washington, 6:45
Boston at **Mets**, 7:15
Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 6:40
Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:40
Cubs at Cincinnati, 7:10
Cleveland at Miami, 7:10
Atlanta at St. Louis, 8:15
Toronto at San Diego, 9:40
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10
Colorado at San Francisco, 10:15

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Solution to Very Easy #7,335

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Solution to Difficult #7,125

Yankees 12, Rays 4

Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Grisham cf	5	2	2	1	0	0	.234
Rice dh	4	3	2	5	1	1	.275
Domínguez rf	4	1	2	0	1	1	.233
Bellinger 1b	5	1	2	1	0	0	.247
Caballero ss	4	0	1	1	0	1	.246
Chisholm 2b	3	0	0	1	1	0	.221
Schuemann lf	4	2	2	0	0	1	.240
McMahon 3b	5	1	2	2	0	2	.215
Wells c	4	2	1	1	1	1	.151
Totals	**38**	**12**	**14**	**12**	**4**	**7**	

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Díaz dh	4	1	1	0	0	1	.326
Palacios 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.245
Aranda 1b	4	0	2	0	1	0	.287
Caminero 3b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.277
Mesa cf	2	0	1	1	0	1	.195
DeLuca ph-cf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.261
Vilade rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.255
Simpson lf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.277
Williamson 2b-p	4	0	2	1	0	1	.237
Walls ss	4	0	0	0	0	3	.220
Fortes c	3	1	1	0	1	0	.257
Totals	**36**	**4**	**10**	**3**	**2**	**9**	

Yankees	**006 103 110 —**	**12**	**14**	**0**
Tampa Bay	**102 001 000 —**	**4**	**10**	**1**

E: Fortes (6). **LOB:** New York 6, Tampa Bay 8. **2B:** Schuemann (5), McMahon 2 (7), Grisham (14), Mesa (2). **3B:** Simpson 2 (6). **HR:** Rice (27), off Rasmussen; Wells (5), off Booser; Rice (28), off Legumina; Caminero (27), off Blackburn. **RBIs:** McMahon 2 (25), Grisham (38), Rice 5 (65), Caballero (34), Chisholm (34), Wells (11), Bellinger (51), Caminero (57), Mesa (11), Williamson (22). **SB:** Williamson (7), Domínguez (6), Schuemann (3). **SF:** Chisholm. **S:** Caballero. **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 4 (McMahon 2, Grisham, Schuemann); Tampa Bay 5 (Fortes, Walls, Vilade 2, Aranda). **RISP:** New York 7 for 14; Tampa Bay 3 for 13.

Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Blackburn	2.0	2	1	1	0	3	35	2.31
Bird	0.2	2	2	2	1	0	15	4.60
Yarbrough, W, 1-0	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	17	4.17
Doval	0.2	0	0	0	1	0	13	4.58
Headrick, H, 10	1.2	3	1	1	0	3	25	1.57
Chivilli	2.0	0	0	0	0	3	22	1.35
Hill	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	15	3.86

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Rasmussen, L, 7-5	2.1	7	6	6	0	2	61	3.26
Booser	1.2	1	1	1	0	2	21	1.80
Legumina	2.0	2	3	3	3	2	33	3.99
Kimbrel	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	18	4.78
Roycroft	1.0	2	1	1	1	0	14	12.96
Williamson	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.00

T: 2:53. **A:** 18,255 (25,025).

Orioles 3, Cubs 2

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crow-Armstrong cf	3	1	1	0	1	1	.296
Bregman 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.238
Suzuki rf	4	1	3	2	0	0	.266
Dean rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.400
Kelly dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.278
Busch 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.233
Hoerner 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.240
Happ lf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.220
Swanson ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.212
Amaya c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.228
Conforto ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.248
Totals	**34**	**2**	**9**	**2**	**2**	**5**	

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Rutschman dh	2	0	0	0	2	0	.256
Ward lf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.255
Henderson ss	3	1	0	0	0	0	.219
Alonso 1b	1	1	0	0	2	1	.249
O'Neill rf	3	1	1	1	0	1	.196
Beavers ph	0	0	0	0	0	0	.230
Jackson ph	1	0	1	2	0	0	.251
Cowser cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.221
Mayo 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.191
Holliday ph-2b	0	0	0	0	2	0	.212
Basallo c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.248
Alexander 2b-3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.302
Taveras cf-rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.236
Totals	**26**	**3**	**3**	**3**	**7**	**5**	

Chicago	**000 001 010 —**	**2**	**9**	**0**
Baltimore	**010 000 02x —**	**3**	**3**	**2**

E: Alexander (6), Henderson (9). **LOB:** Chicago 7, Baltimore 8. **2B:** Hoerner (23), Crow-Armstrong (15), Suzuki (13), Jackson (9). **HR:** Suzuki (15), off Rogers; O'Neill (6), off Peterson. **RBIs:** Suzuki 2 (47), O'Neill (12), Jackson 2 (34). **SB:** Suzuki (1), Swanson 2 (12). **CS:** Hoerner (3). **RISP:** Chicago 1 for 9; Baltimore 1 for 5.

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Peterson	5.0	2	1	1	4	2	77	6.45
Hollowell	1.1	0	0	0	2	1	28	3.38
Thielbar	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	6	4.44
Ferguson, L, 0-1, H, 3	0.1	0	2	2	0	1	9	7.45
Rolison, BS, 1-3	0.2	1	0	0	1	0	13	2.86

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Rogers	6.0	5	1	1	2	4	89	4.48
Cano	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	11	2.40
Wells, W, 2-1	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	23	3.09
Kittredge, S, 2-4	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	13	4.70

T: 2:31. **A:** 12,052 (45,971).

Mets 7, Royals 3

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Thomas cf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.233
Witt ss	4	1	1	1	0	0	.288
Perez 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.209
Marte dh	3	0	1	0	0	1	.268
Rojas ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.154
Loftin 3b	4	1	2	0	0	1	.254
Caglianone rf	4	0	1	1	0	2	.257
Collins lf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.237
Tolbert 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.370
Maile c	2	0	0	0	0	2	.167
Jensen ph-c-c	1	0	0	0	0	1	.246
Totals	**32**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**1**	**9**	

Mets	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ewing cf-2b-cf	5	1	1	0	0	2	.277
Soto lf	2	2	1	1	2	1	.297
Bichette ss-3b	3	0	0	1	0	0	.256
Benge rf	3	2	2	1	1	0	.269
Alvarez dh	4	0	1	1	0	2	.252
Young 1b	4	0	2	1	0	0	.235
Vientos 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.211
Taylor cf	3	1	2	1	0	0	.219
Lindor ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.211
Baty 2b-3b-2b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.219
Torrens c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.214
Totals	**31**	**7**	**10**	**6**	**4**	**7**	

Kansas City	**100 100 100 —**	**3**	**7**	**1**
Mets	**010 050 10x —**	**7**	**10**	**1**

E: Thomas (2), Soto (1). **LOB:** Kansas City 3, New York 6. **2B:** Caglianone (15), Young 2 (6), Taylor (5). **HR:** Thomas (7), off Manaea; Witt (13), off Manaea; Taylor (6), off Wacha; Soto (21), off Way. **RBIs:** Thomas (30), Witt (39), Caglianone (34), Young (18), Taylor (17), Bichette (51), Benge (37), Alvarez (22), Soto (50). **SB:** Benge (13), Baty (4). **CS:** Marte (2). **SF:** Bichette. **Runners left in scoring position:** Kansas City 2 (Caglianone, Tolbert); New York 4 (Ewing, Torrens, Taylor 2). **RISP:** Kansas City 1 for 3; New York 4 for 9.

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Wacha, L, 5-7	4.2	6	6	6	3	5	104	3.77
Erceg	1.1	1	0	0	0	0	15	5.00
Way	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	8	3.38
Cuas	1.0	1	0	0	1	2	18	2.84

Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Manaea, W, 2-4	7.0	6	3	2	1	6	97	4.56
Brazobán	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	11	2.80
Williams	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	17	4.70

T: 2:24. **A:** 33,868 (42,136).

Guardians 5, Twins 2

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Bazzana 2b	5	0	1	0	0	0	.245
Rocchio ss	4	0	1	2	0	3	.272
DeLauter dh	4	1	1	1	0	0	.279
Manzardo 1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.216
Watson rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.215
Fry ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.203
Halpin rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.167
Arias 3b	4	1	1	1	0	2	.214
Schneemann cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.212
Bailey c	3	2	1	1	1	0	.181
Kwan lf	2	1	0	0	2	1	.220
Totals	**33**	**5**	**6**	**5**	**4**	**9**	

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Larnach lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.281
Lee 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.249
Clemens 2b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.252
Bell dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.247
Lewis 1b	4	2	2	1	0	2	.216
Roden rf	2	0	0	0	1	1	.286
Keaschall cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.255
Gray ss	3	0	1	1	0	1	.228
Jackson c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.296
Totals	**30**	**2**	**3**	**2**	**1**	**14**	

Cleveland	**010 001 201 —**	**5**	**6**	**0**
Minnesota	**000 010 100 —**	**2**	**3**	**0**

LOB: Cleveland 5, Minnesota 3. **2B:** Bazzana (14), Schneemann (11), Rocchio (14). **HR:** Arias (5), off Ober; DeLauter (9), off Rojas; Bailey (3), off Go; Lewis (9), off Williams. **RBIs:** Arias (10), DeLauter (43), Rocchio 2 (42), Bailey (13), Gray (29), Lewis (27). **Runners left in scoring position:** Cleveland 3 (Bazzana, DeLauter, Rocchio); Minnesota 2 (Larnach 2). **RISP:** Cleveland 1 for 6; Minnesota 1 for 3.

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Williams, W, 10-4	7.0	3	2	2	1	11	103	3.81
Gaddis, H, 16	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	6	2.83
Smith, S, 27-30	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	17	2.76

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Ober	5.0	3	1	1	1	5	74	4.40
Rojas, L, 1-1	2.0	2	3	3	3	3	47	2.95
Funderburk	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	4.07
Go	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	18	9.00

T: 2:23. **A:** 22,221 (38,544).

Red Sox 2, White Sox 1

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Seigler 2b	2	0	0	0	1	1	.283
Rafaela cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.283
Abreu rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.260
R.Gonzalez dh	3	1	1	0	1	1	.310
Durbin 3b	4	1	1	2	0	0	.225
Monasterio ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.217
Eaton lf	1	0	0	0	1	1	.138
Duran ph-lf	1	0	0	0	1	1	.198
Harris 1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Wong c	3	0	1	0	0	1	.295
Totals	**28**	**2**	**4**	**2**	**4**	**6**	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Meidroth 2b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.266
Grichuk dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	.248
Benintendi ph-dh	2	0	1	1	0	0	.241
Vargas 1b-3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.239
C.Montgomery 3b-ss	4	0	2	0	0	0	.222
Perez cf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.167
Peters ph-cf	2	0	1	0	0	1	.292
Antonacci lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.289
B.Montgomery rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.226
Acuña ss	2	1	1	0	0	0	.233
J.Gonzalez ph-1b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.244
Romo c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.137
Teel ph-c	1	0	0	0	0	1	.188
Totals	**34**	**1**	**7**	**1**	**1**	**9**	

Boston	**000 200 000 —**	**2**	**4**	**0**
Chicago	**000 010 000 —**	**1**	**7**	**0**

LOB: Boston 5, Chicago 7. **HR:** Durbin (9), off Kay. **RBIs:** Durbin 2 (39), Benintendi (42). **SB:** Acuña (15). **CS:** Duran (1). **S:** Seigler. **Runners left in scoring position:** Boston 2 (Abreu 2); Chicago 3 (C.Montgomery, Acuña 2). **RISP:** Boston 0 for 2; Chicago 1 for 4.

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Sandoval	4.1	5	1	1	1	5	65	2.08
Guerrero, W, 1-1	1.2	2	0	0	0	1	19	2.45
Whitlock, H, 15	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	16	2.32
Slaten, H, 11	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	8	5.82
Chapman, S, 19-21	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	9	2.28

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Kay, L, 6-4	5.1	4	2	2	2	4	92	4.23
Hicks	1.2	0	0	0	0	2	15	4.01
Taylor	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	15	2.89
Davis	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	13	4.44

T: 2:32. **A:** 19,148 (40,241).

Phillies 1, Reds 0

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Turner ss	3	0	0	0	1	0	.239
Schwarber dh	4	0	1	0	0	3	.254
Harper 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.261
Marsh lf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.307
Bohm 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.220
Stott 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.245
Rincones rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.203
Hill pr-rf	1	1	0	0	0	0	.248
Realmuto c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.199
Crawford cf	3	0	1	1	0	0	.263
Totals	**31**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**1**	**7**	

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
De La Cruz ss	4	0	0	0	0	3	.270
Stewart 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.254
Bleday lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.239
Steer 1b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.240
Suárez dh	3	0	0	0	1	3	.201
Stephenson c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.234
Marte rf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.200
Arroyo 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.239
Friedl cf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.174
Totals	**30**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**2**	**14**	

Philadelphia	**000 000 010 —**	**1**	**5**	**0**
Cincinnati	**000 000 000 —**	**0**	**3**	**0**

LOB: Philadelphia 6, Cincinnati 7. **2B:** Stott (16). **RBIs:** Crawford (21). **SB:** Bleday (4). **Runners left in scoring position:** Philadelphia 3 (Stott, Rincones, Harper); Cincinnati 2 (De La Cruz, Marte). **RISP:** Philadelphia 1 for 5; Cincinnati 1 for 5.

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Luzardo, W, 8-4	7.0	2	0	0	2	11	96	3.51
Bowlan, H, 4	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	12	3.14
Duran, S, 23-24	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	21	1.42

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Singer, L, 3-9	7.1	4	1	1	1	5	89	4.72
Moll	0.2	0	0	0	0	2	11	3.76
Antone	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	15	2.33

T: 2:12. **A:** 19,777 (43,891).

Braves 10, Pirates 5

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Harris cf	6	1	1	0	0	1	.304
Albies 2b	4	2	1	1	1	2	.272
Olson 1b	3	2	1	1	2	0	.270
Baldwin c	4	1	2	1	1	0	.257
Dubón lf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.273
Smith dh	3	1	1	0	2	1	.268
Riley 3b	5	0	0	0	0	4	.207
Yastrzemski rf	3	2	1	4	2	1	.229
Jarvis ss	5	1	3	2	0	0	.292
Totals	**37**	**10**	**11**	**10**	**8**	**10**	

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Mangum cf	5	1	4	3	0	0	.311
Lowe 2b	5	0	0	0	0	2	.243
Reynolds lf	4	1	1	1	1	0	.281
Valdez rf	4	1	1	1	1	1	.293
O'Hearn dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.289
Gonzales 3b	1	1	0	0	3	0	.310
Callihan 1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.260
Flores c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.429
Triolo ss	3	1	0	0	0	0	.232
Totals	**34**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**5**	**7**	

Atlanta	**102 300 004 —**	**10**	**11**	**1**
Pittsburgh	**002 201 000 —**	**5**	**8**	**0**

E: Baldwin (2). **LOB:** Atlanta 9, Pittsburgh 8. **2B:** Albies (20), Jarvis (1), Callihan (3), Mangum (10). **HR:** Olson (25), off Keller; Jarvis (1), off Sanders; Yastrzemski (6), off Santana; Reynolds (14), off Elder; Valdez (7), off Elder; Mangum (2), off Elder. **RBIs:** Olson (58), Albies (51), Dubón (50), Jarvis 2 (3), Baldwin (45), Yastrzemski 4 (28), Reynolds (57), Valdez (18), Mangum 3 (18). **SB:** Mangum (18), Harris (6). **S:** Dubón. **Runners left in scoring position:** Atlanta 4 (Dubón, Jarvis, Harris 2); Pittsburgh 8 (Mangum 2, O'Hearn 2, Valdez, Lowe 2, Triolo). **RISP:** Atlanta 4 for 11; Pittsburgh 1 for 11.

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Elder	4.0	5	4	3	2	3	69	4.12
Dodd, W, 2-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	15	2.08
Ritchie, H, 1	1.1	2	1	1	2	1	35	4.60
Young, H, 2	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
Karinchak, H, 1	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	20	1.86
Mederos	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	16	0.00

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Keller, L, 6-7	3.0	4	3	3	2	3	72	5.14
Sanders	0.2	2	3	3	3	2	39	8.68
Stratton	1.1	2	0	0	0	2	25	5.40
Ramírez	2.0	0	0	0	1	2	31	3.38
Soto	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	11	4.15
Santana	1.0	3	4	4	2	1	25	5.95

T: 3:07. **A:** 20,895 (38,753).

Tigers 4, Athletics 1

Athletics	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Kuroda-Grauer 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.441
Kurtz dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.266
Langeliers c	2	0	1	0	1	1	.263
Heim 1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.243
Wilson ss	4	1	2	0	0	1	.272
Gelof lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.273
Butler rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.199
Thomas rf-lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.215
Soderstrom ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.242
Bolte cf	3	0	0	1	0	1	.274
Williams 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.278
McNeil ph-2b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.231
Totals	**31**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**1**	**11**	

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McGonigle 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.287
Vierling rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.199
Torkelson 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.212
Greene lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.289
Lee 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.247
Carpenter dh	1	1	0	0	1	1	.227
Valencia ph-dh	1	1	1	1	0	0	1.000
McKinstry ss	4	1	1	2	0	2	.202
Rogers c	1	1	1	1	2	0	.171
Outman cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.153
Totals	**30**	**4**	**6**	**4**	**3**	**9**	

Athletics	**000 010 000 —**	**1**	**5**	**0**
Detroit	**001 020 10x —**	**4**	**6**	**0**

LOB: Athletics 6, Detroit 6. **HR:** Rogers (3), off Perkins; McKinstry (4), off Perkins; Valencia (1), off Harris. **RBIs:** Bolte (16), Rogers (9), McKinstry 2 (18), Valencia (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Athletics 2 (Soderstrom, Wilson); Detroit 2 (McKinstry, Vierling). **RISP:** Athletics 0 for 5; Detroit 0 for 2.

Athletics	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Suarez	1.1	0	0	0	0	2	16	4.44
Perkins, L, 2-5	3.0	2	3	3	2	2	67	6.87
Medina	1.2	1	0	0	0	1	16	3.70
Harris	1.0	2	1	1	1	2	27	3.51
Leiter	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	19	4.55

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Valdez, W, 5-6	7.0	3	1	1	0	9	87	4.10
Finnegan, H, 11	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	10	2.13
Jansen, S, 11-15	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	19	4.76

T: 2:26. **A:** 20,699 (41,083).

Marlins 8, Mariners 4

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crawford 3b	4	0	0	0	1	2	.210
Arozarena lf	3	2	1	1	2	0	.287
Canzone dh	5	1	2	2	0	0	.269
Raleigh c	3	0	0	0	1	2	.168
Naylor 1b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.251
Raley rf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.235
Young 2b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.252
Robles cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.220
Emerson ss	3	0	1	0	1	2	.206
Totals	**33**	**4**	**7**	**3**	**6**	**9**	

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Hicks c	5	1	1	1	0	0	.286
Lopez ss	3	1	1	2	2	0	.345
Edwards 2b	4	0	1	0	1	0	.302
Stowers 1b	5	0	1	1	0	2	.243
Hernández dh	3	0	0	0	1	0	.234
Conine lf	4	2	3	1	0	0	.264
Ruiz rf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.245
Marsee cf	3	2	2	1	1	0	.199
Jiménez 3b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.214
Sanoja 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.278
Totals	**35**	**8**	**12**	**7**	**5**	**4**	

Seattle	**010 010 020 —**	**4**	**7**	**2**
Miami	**020 400 20x —**	**8**	**12**	**2**

E: Emerson 2 (5), Junk 2 (2). **LOB:** Seattle 8, Miami 8. **2B:** Hicks (9), Conine (4). **3B:** Lopez (6). **HR:** Arozarena (10), off Junk; Canzone (15), off Kempner; Conine (4), off Miller. **RBIs:** Arozarena (42), Canzone 2 (39), Conine (11), Hicks (57), Lopez 2 (45), Stowers (42), Marsee (25), Jiménez (7). **SB:** Naylor (18), Emerson (3). **Runners left in scoring position:** Seattle 5 (Crawford 2, Raleigh, Canzone, Robles); Miami 4 (Lopez, Hicks 2, Hernández). **RISP:** Seattle 0 for 7; Miami 4 for 13.

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Miller, L, 4-3	5.0	9	6	4	4	3	81	2.18
Rucker	2.0	3	2	2	0	1	29	6.75
Wilcox	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	12	4.50

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Junk, W, 4-5	5.0	3	2	1	4	5	79	4.57
Bachar	2.0	1	0	0	0	3	31	3.67
Kempner	0.1	2	2	2	2	0	17	1.74
Faucher, H, 11	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	7	4.54
Zuber	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	12	3.97

T: 2:47. **A:** 7,815 (37,446).

Brewers 8, Cardinals 4

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Mitchell cf	5	1	1	0	0	2	.274
Chourio lf	5	2	2	0	0	0	.284
Turang 2b	5	2	2	2	0	1	.269
Contreras c	4	0	0	1	0	1	.281
Bauers dh	4	2	2	3	1	2	.268
Vaughn 1b	4	1	0	0	0	0	.319
Frelick rf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.240
Pratt ss	3	0	2	1	1	1	.258
Ortiz 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.223
Totals	**37**	**8**	**11**	**8**	**3**	**8**	

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wetherholt 2b	3	1	2	0	0	0	.267
Herrera c	3	0	0	0	1	2	.249
Burleson 1b	3	2	1	0	1	1	.278
Walker dh	4	1	1	3	0	2	.294
Nootbaar rf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.263
Winn ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.247
Torres lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.197
Fermín 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.265
Church cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.241
Totals	**32**	**4**	**5**	**4**	**3**	**7**	

Milwaukee	**024 000 101 —**	**8**	**11**	**0**
St. Louis	**000 103 000 —**	**4**	**5**	**0**

LOB: Milwaukee 6, St. Louis 5. **2B:** Chourio (16), Wetherholt (10), Burleson (22). **HR:** Bauers (17), off Pallante; Turang (13), off Gastelum; Walker (22), off Patrick. **RBIs:** Frelick (32), Pratt (6), Turang 2 (56), Bauers 3 (57), Contreras (52), Nootbaar (9), Walker 3 (73). **SB:** Turang (15). **SF:** Contreras. **Runners left in scoring position:** Milwaukee 2 (Chourio 2); St. Louis 3 (Walker, Nootbaar, Church). **RISP:** Milwaukee 4 for 12; St. Louis 2 for 10.

Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Henderson, W, 3-1	5.1	3	3	3	1	4	76	3.18
Patrick	1.2	1	1	1	0	2	23	3.48
Ashby, H, 7	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	22	3.13
Uribe	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	21	2.63

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Pallante, L, 10-6	5.0	8	6	6	2	2	97	3.96
Gastelum	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	19	5.40
Graceffo	2.0	0	0	0	1	4	35	3.00
Svanson	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	14	6.58

T: 2:52. **A:** 27,028 (44,494).

Rangers 7, Angels 6

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Neto ss	4	1	1	0	1	0	.234
Trout cf	5	1	0	1	0	2	.230
Schanuel 1b	4	1	4	2	1	0	.269
Peraza pr-2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.241
Soler dh	5	0	1	1	0	3	.215
Grissom 2b-1b	4	0	1	0	1	2	.249
Lowe rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.211
Adell ph-rf	2	0	1	1	0	0	.252
Guzman 3b	3	1	0	0	0	2	.253
O'Hoppe c	3	0	0	0	1	3	.220
Meckler lf	3	2	2	1	0	0	.294
Siri ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.256
Totals	**37**	**6**	**10**	**6**	**4**	**15**	

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Foscue 2b	3	1	2	2	1	0	.290
Lopez ph	0	0	0	0	0	0	.315
Langford dh	5	0	1	1	0	3	.275
Nimmo rf	4	2	2	1	0	0	.257
Jung 3b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.297
Burger 1b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.244
Duran ss	4	1	1	2	0	1	.268
Higashioka c	3	0	1	0	0	1	.225
Pederson ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.235
Díaz c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.274
Cauley cf	3	1	1	0	0	1	.211
Carter ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.182
Osuna lf	3	1	1	0	0	1	.256
Totals	**35**	**7**	**11**	**7**	**1**	**10**	

Los Angeles	**001 000 500 —**	**6**	**10**	**0**
Texas	**202 101 001 —**	**7**	**11**	**1**

E: Higashioka (7). **LOB:** Los Angeles 9, Texas 6. **2B:** Schanuel 2 (16), Jung (23), Foscue (7). **HR:** Nimmo (9), off Detmers; Duran (8), off Detmers; Foscue (7), off Detmers. **RBIs:** Trout (39), Meckler (17), Schanuel 2 (33), Soler (40), Adell (53), Nimmo (31), Burger (54), Duran 2 (47), Foscue 2 (19), Langford (21). **SB:** Nimmo (4), Peraza (11). **S:** Lopez. **Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 5 (Guzman, Adell, Grissom 2, Lowe); Texas 3 (Langford 3). **RISP:** Los Angeles 4 for 15; Texas 4 for 9.

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Detmers	4.0	7	5	5	1	6	82	4.39
Silseth	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	7	3.18
Suter	1.0	2	1	1	0	2	24	4.64
Zeferjahn	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	17	3.80
Bachman	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	8	4.24
Yates, L, 0-4	0.1	2	1	1	0	0	8	3.15

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Eovaldi	6.0	6	4	3	2	10	99	4.04
Gray, H, 6	0.2	2	2	2	1	1	23	3.27
Alexander, BS, 4-6	0.1	1	0	0	0	1	8	2.35
Latz	1.2	1	0	0	1	3	41	1.65
Winn, W, 4-2	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	3	6.32

T: 3:04. **A:** 29,646 (40,000).

Diamondbacks 3, Padres 1

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Marte 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.263
Perdomo ss	4	0	2	1	0	0	.246
Carroll rf	3	0	1	0	1	2	.261
Moreno c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.293
Kepler dh	4	1	1	0	0	2	.188
Gurriel lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.222
Barrosa cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.182
Arenado 3b	4	1	1	1	0	3	.243
Troy cf-lf	3	1	1	0	1	1	.225
Tawa 1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.155
Vargas 1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.257
Totals	**33**	**3**	**8**	**2**	**2**	**10**	

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Tatis rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.283
Merrill cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.218
Bogaerts ss	4	0	0	0	0	3	.225
Machado 3b	3	1	2	1	0	0	.193
Sheets lf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.228
Cronenworth 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.179
Campusano c	1	0	0	0	2	0	.313
Andujar dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.262
Song 2b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.213
Totals	**27**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**3**	**9**	

Arizona	**000 111 000 —**	**3**	**8**	**0**
San Diego	**010 000 000 —**	**1**	**3**	**0**

LOB: Arizona 6, San Diego 2. **2B:** Carroll (19). **HR:** Arenado (11), off Matsui; Machado (19), off Kelly. **RBIs:** Perdomo (33), Arenado (38), Machado (52). **S:** Tawa. **Runners left in scoring position:** Arizona 3 (Moreno, Kepler, Arenado); San Diego 0. **RISP:** Arizona 1 for 5; San Diego 0 for 1.

Arizona	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Kelly, W, 7-8	7.0	3	1	1	3	6	94	5.38
Ginkel, H, 7	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	16	2.97
Sewald, S, 21-22	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	10	4.36

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Canning, L, 1-7	4.2	7	2	2	0	5	74	6.47
Matsui	1.0	1	1	1	2	0	28	2.23
B.Rodriguez	1.1	0	0	0	0	2	17	2.08
Peralta	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	18	2.28
Morejon	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	11	3.45

T: 2:34. **A:** 39,270 (40,222).

Giants 8, Rockies 2

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McCarthy lf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.299
Karros 3b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.260
Carrigg cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.293
Goodman dh	3	1	1	0	1	1	.251
Rumfield 1b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.297
Freeman rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.270
Castro 2b	4	1	1	2	0	1	.265
Tovar ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.202
Julien ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.227
Fulford c	3	0	1	0	0	0	.193
Totals	**31**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**4**	**9**	

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ramos rf-lf	5	1	1	0	0	2	.276
Arraez 2b	4	1	2	1	1	0	.326
Schmitt 3b	4	2	2	2	1	1	.278
Devers dh	4	1	2	2	1	1	.247
Adames ss	5	1	1	2	0	2	.229
Eldridge 1b	3	1	2	1	2	0	.275
Bericoto lf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.293
Lee rf	2	0	1	0	0	0	.309
Gilbert cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.235
Cavanaugh c	3	1	2	0	1	1	.222
Totals	**37**	**8**	**13**	**8**	**6**	**9**	

Colorado	**000 200 000 —**	**2**	**5**	**0**
San Francisco	**100 120 04x —**	**8**	**13**	**0**

LOB: Colorado 6, San Francisco 11. **2B:** Fulford (4), Arraez (21), Lee (21), Schmitt (17), Devers (25). **HR:** Castro (7), off Whisenhunt; Schmitt (18), off Feltner; Eldridge (8), off Feltner; Adames (15), off Shook. **RBIs:** Castro 2 (37), Schmitt 2 (47), Eldridge (20), Arraez (35), Devers 2 (49), Adames 2 (36). **Runners left in scoring position:** Colorado 3 (Carrigg 2, Julien); San Francisco 6 (Gilbert 2, Bericoto 2, Ramos, Schmitt). **RISP:** Colorado 1 for 5; San Francisco 4 for 10.

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Feltner, L, 3-3	4.1	6	4	4	4	3	92	4.55
Vodnik	1.2	1	0	0	1	3	34	5.72
Shook	2.0	6	4	4	1	3	52	9.53

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Whisenhunt, W, 2-0	5.2	3	2	2	4	4	87	3.38
Brubaker, H, 3	1.1	0	0	0	0	1	12	2.80
Miller, H, 10	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	12	3.60
Kilian	1.0	2	0	0	0	2	18	4.03

T: 2:46. **A:** 42,301 (41,915).

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
San Diego	9	4	1	28	21	13
Portland	8	3	3	27	24	14
Washington	7	2	3	24	20	10
Utah Royals FC	7	3	3	24	20	13
Kansas City	8	5	0	24	21	17
North Carolina	6	3	3	21	20	14
Gotham FC	**6**	**3**	**3**	**21**	**12**	**7**
Orlando	5	6	2	17	18	19
Angel City	5	6	1	16	18	14
Denver Summit FC	4	5	3	15	17	16
Seattle	4	6	2	14	11	16
Houston	4	7	2	14	15	21
Bay FC	3	6	3	12	11	19
Chicago	4	9	0	12	8	26
Boston Legacy FC	2	7	4	10	13	21
Louisville	2	9	1	7	15	24

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Friday
Chicago at Boston Legacy FC, 8pm
Bay FC at Louisville, 8pm
Kansas City at Orlando, 8pm
Gotham FC at Utah Royals FC, 10pm
Saturday
Washington at North Carolina, 6:30pm
Angel City at San Diego, 8:45pm
Sunday
Portland at Seattle, 4pm
Houston at Denver Summit FC, 7pm
Wednesday, July 15
Boston Legacy FC at Orlando, 7pm
Washington at **Gotham FC**, 8pm
Friday, July 17
San Diego at Kansas City, 8pm
Saturday, July 18
Seattle at **Gotham FC**, 12pm
Portland at Denver Summit FC, 2pm
North Carolina at Bay FC, 4pm
Angel City at Chicago, 6:30pm
Houston at Louisville, 8pm
Orlando at Utah Royals FC, 8:45pm
Sunday, July 19
Washington at Boston Legacy FC, 7pm

Golf

LPGA Tour- The Amundi Evian Championship At Evian Resort Golf Club; Evian-les-Bains, France; Purse: $9.1 million; Yardage: 6,479; Par: 71

First Round

Aki Iwai	32-31	63	-8
Perrine Delacour	34-31	65	-6
Charley Hull	35-31	66	-5
Jin Hee Im	31-35	66	-5
Hae-Ran Ryu	34-32	66	-5
Mao Saigo	32-34	66	-5
Maja Stark	33-33	66	-5
Cara Gainer	32-35	67	-4
Erika Hara	35-32	67	-4
Brooke Henderson	32-35	67	-4
MinJi Kang	35-32	67	-4
Lottie Woad	34-33	67	-4
Jing Yan	33-34	67	-4
Ruoning Yin	33-34	67	-4
Chella Choi	33-35	68	-3
Ayaka Furue	34-34	68	-3
Somi Lee	36-32	68	-3
Nastasia Nadaud	33-35	68	-3
Farah O'Keefe	34-34	68	-3
Kajsa Arwefjall	36-33	69	-2
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	35-34	69	-2
Linn Grant	34-35	69	-2
Wei-Ling Hsu	34-35	69	-2
Sei Young Kim	35-34	69	-2
Hyo Joo Kim	33-36	69	-2
Lydia Ko	35-34	69	-2
Jennifer Kupcho	35-34	69	-2
Alison Lee	33-36	69	-2
Anna Nordqvist	34-35	69	-2
Ryann O'Toole	34-35	69	-2
Cassie Porter	35-34	69	-2
Hinako Shibuno	33-36	69	-2
Shannon Tan	32-37	69	-2
Ina Yoon	35-34	69	-2

DP World Tour/PGA Tour- Genesis Scottish Open At The Renaissance Club; North Berwick, United Kingdom; Purse: $9 million; Yardage: 7,282; Par: 70

First Round

Patrick Cantlay	34-31	65	-5
Rasmus Hojgaard	32-33	65	-5
Tom Kim,	32-33	65	-5
Rory McIlroy	31-34	65	-5
Bernd Wiesberger	34-31	65	-5
Angel Ayora Fanegas,	33-33	66	-4
Kurt Kitayama	33-33	66	-4
Brooks Koepka	31-35	66	-4
Min Woo Lee	33-33	66	-4
Oliver Lindell	31-35	66	-4
Andrew Novak	32-34	66	-4
Michael Thorbjornsen	34-32	66	-4
Zachary Bauchou	32-35	67	-3
Michael Brennan	34-33	67	-3
Wyndham Clark	32-35	67	-3
Corey Conners	31-36	67	-3
Matt Fitzpatrick	32-35	67	-3
Tommy Fleetwood	34-33	67	-3
Calum Hill	33-34	67	-3
Joost Luiten	32-35	67	-3
Robert MacIntyre	33-34	67	-3
Matthew McCarty	33-34	67	-3
Tom McKibbin	33-34	67	-3
Keita Nakajima	32-35	67	-3
Kevin Roy	34-33	67	-3
Danny Willett	34-33	67	-3

DP World Tour/PGA Tour- ISCO Championship At Championship Course; Louisville, Ky.; Purse: $4 million; Yardage: 7,056; Par: 70

First Round

Steven Fisk	31-32	63	-7
Lucas Glover	33-30	63	-7
Stephan Jaeger	32-31	63	-7
Troy Merritt	34-29	63	-7
Chan Kim	34-30	64	-6
Pontus Nyholm	33-31	64	-6
Benjamin James	31-34	65	-5
Jeffrey Kang	33-32	65	-5
Patton Kizzire	34-31	65	-5
Jeong-Weon Ko	33-32	65	-5

PGA Champions Tour- Kaulig Companies Championship
At Firestone Country Club - South Course; Akron, Ohio; Purse: $3.5 million; Yardage: 7,248; Par: 70

First Round

Jerry Kelly	34-31	65	-5
Darren Clarke	34-32	66	-4
Mike Weir	31-35	66	-4
Ernie Els	34-33	67	-3
Zach Johnson	32-35	67	-3
Soren Kjeldsen	33-34	67	-3
Cameron Percy	32-35	67	-3
Y.E. Yang	34-33	67	-3

NBA Summer League Schedule

Thursday
Minnesota 105, New Orleans 92
Atlanta 93, San Antonio 66
Philadelphia 101, Detroit 93
Golden State 101, Dallas 90
Charlotte 86, Orlando 74
Washhington 92, Utah 88
Sacramento 91, L.A. Clippers 85
Friday
Nets vs. **Knicks**, 6pm
Milwaukee vs. Miami, 4pm
Cleveland vs. Miami, 4:30pm
Houston vs. Denver, 6:30pm
Chicago vs. Memphis, 8pm
Boston vs. Toronto, 9pm
Oklahoma City vs. L.A. Lakers, 10pm
Portland vs. Phoenix, 11pm

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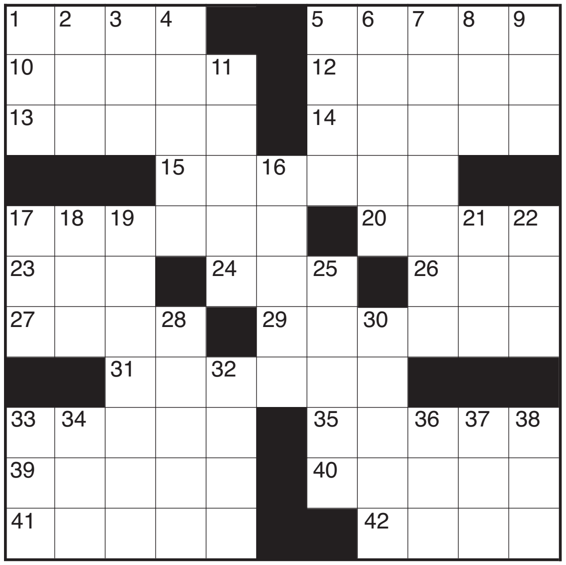

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37 Diminutive devil
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SOLUTION IN SATURDAY'S POST

WNBA

East	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	13	9	.591	—
Indiana	13	9	.591	—
Liberty	13	9	.591	—
Washington	10	10	.500	2
Toronto	9	12	.429	3½
Chicago	7	14	.333	5½
Connecticut	5	17	.227	8

West	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	16	6	.727	—
Las Vegas	16	6	.727	—
Golden State	16	7	.696	½
Dallas	14	8	.636	2
Los Angeles	9	11	.450	6
Portland	9	13	.409	7
Phoenix	8	15	.348	8½
Seattle	6	18	.250	11

Thursday
Atlanta 89, Seattle 78
Las Vegas 88, Portland 80
Indiana 92, Phoenix 89
Friday
Dallas at Toronto, 7:30pm
Golden State at Connecticut, 7:30pm
Chicago at Los Angeles, 10pm
Saturday
Liberty at Minnesota, 1pm
Portland at Atlanta, 4pm
Phoenix at Las Vegas, 6pm
Sunday
Liberty at Toronto, 3pm
Seattle at Washington, 3pm
Chicago at Dallas, 7pm
Indiana at Las Vegas, 9pm

FIFA World Cup

QUARTERFINAL
Thursday
France 2, Morocco 0
Friday
Spain vs. Belgium, 3pm
Saturday
Norway vs. England, 5pm
Argentina vs. Switzerland, 9pm
SEMIFINAL
Tuesday
France vs. Spain/Belgium, 3pm
Wednesday
Norway/England vs. Argentina/Switzerland, 3pm

Wimbledon

At All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club; London; Purse: $30,327,600; Surface: Grass; (seedings in parentheses):

Women's Singles - Semifinals
Karolina Muchova (10), Czechia, def. Coco Gauff (7), United States, 6-2, 1-6, 7-6 (10).
Linda Noskova (9), Czechia, def. Marta Kostyuk (12), Ukraine, 6-4, 6-4.

Men's Doubles - Semifinals
Mate Pavic, Croatia, and Marcelo Arevalo (6), El Salvador, def. Kevin Krawietz and Tim Putz (7), Germany, 7-6 (8), 6-2.
Harri Heliovaara, Finland, and Henry Patten (1), Britain, def. Thanasi Kokkinakis, Australia, and Aleksandar Kovacevic, United States, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (8).

Women's Doubles - Quarterfinals
Kristina Mladenovic, France, and Hanyu Guo (10), China, def. Taylor Townsend, United States, and Katerina Siniakova (1), Czechia, 7-6 (8), 7-5.
Xu Yifan and Xinyu Jiang, China, def. Ingrid Neel, Estonia, and Giuliana Olmos, Mexico, 6-1, 2-6, 6-4.

NEW YORK POST ACTION

The POST Line

MLB
Friday

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
Yankees	$134-163	NATIONALS
METS	$113-137	Red Sox
ORIOLES	$128-157	Royals
Mariners	-108-113	RAYS
WHITE SOX	$136-162	Athletics
Astros	$114-134	RANGERS
TWINS	$110-130	Angels
PIRATES	$114-138	Brewers
Cubs	-110-111	REDS
Braves	$137-168	CARDINALS
DODGERS	$210-255	Diamondbacks
GIANTS	$140-166	Rockies
Phillies	$140-210	TIGERS
MARLINS	-109-113	Guardians
PADRES	-104-112	Blue Jays

Home team in CAPS

WNBA
Friday

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
Valkyries	7.5 (154.5)	SUN
Wings	6.5 (180.5)	TEMPO
SPARKS	1.5 (180.5)	Sky

FIFA World Cup
Friday- Quarterfinals

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
Spain	$240-300	Belgium
game held in Los Angeles		
	Saturday	
*England	$175-225	Norway
**Argentina	$230-300	Switzerland
*Miami, **Kansas City, Mo.		

NBA Summer League
Friday

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
Nets	7.5 (179.5)	**Knicks**
Bucks	1.5 (181.5)	Heat
Cavaliers	1.5 (178.5)	Pacers
Nuggets	1.5 (176.5)	Rockets
Grizzlies	5.5 (184.5)	Bulls
Raptors	1.5 (179.5)	Celtics
Lakers	1.5 (178.5)	Thunder
Suns	1.5 (177.5)	Trail Blazers
all games held in Las Vegas		

CFL
Friday

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
Argonauts	2.5 (60.5)	BLUE BOMBERS

SPORTS SHORTS

MLB: Surging Red Sox win again

Caleb Durbin hit a two-run homer to help the surging Red Sox top the White Sox 2-1 on Thursday in Chicago for their sixth consecutive victory. Boston finished with just four hits, but **Patrick Sandoval** and four relievers shut down Chicago while finishing a sweep of the three-game series.

Red Sox pitcher **Ranger Suarez** will miss next week's All-Star Game after he was placed on the 15-day injured list Thursday with a left groin strain. The 30-year-old Suarez was scheduled to pitch again Saturday against the Mets.

● In Miami, **Otto Lopez** hit a two-run triple to back a strong five-inning outing by **Janson Junk** and the Marlins beat the Mariners 8-4 to sweep the three-game series and extend their winning streak to six.

● In Detroit, **Eduardo Valencia** became the 10th Detroit player to homer in his first career plate appearance, **Framber Valdez** pitched seven innings and the Tigers beat the Athletics 4-1 for a series sweep.

● In Minneapolis, **Gavin Williams** pitched seven dominant innings and the Guardians beat the Twins 5-2 to avoid a three-game sweep.

● In Pittsburgh, **Matt Olson** hit a first-inning home run while tying the franchise record for consecutive games played and the Braves defeated the Pirates 10-5.

● In Cincinnati, **Jesús Luzardo** allowed two hits in seven innings and struck out 11 and the Phillies beat the Reds 1-0 in a pitcher's duel.

● In Arlington, Texas, **Wyatt Langford** lined a shot off the wall in left field to bring home **Alejandro Osuna** in the ninth inning, lifting Texas to a 7-6 victory over the Angels after the Rangers blew a five-run lead.

NHL: Ducks match to keep Carlsson

The Ducks have matched the Flyers' offer sheet for center **Leo Carlsson**, keeping their rising young star at an extraordinary cost.

The Ducks announced their decision Thursday on the 21-year-old Carlsson, who is now the NHL's highest-paid player under the five-year, $90 million deal extended by the Flyers one week ago. Carlsson scored 67 points in 70 games last season and added 11 points in 12 games during his first postseason experience.

GOLF: McIlroy tied for Scottish lead

Rory McIlroy began getting into the mood for the final major of the year by taking advantage of the par 5s at The Renaissance Club for a 5-under 65, giving him a five-way share of the lead in the Genesis Scottish Open in North Berwick.

Patrick Cantlay also was at 65, along with **Tom Kim**, **Bernd Wiesberger** and **Rasmus Hojgaard**.

● In Evian-les-Bains, France, **Aki Iwai** carded a bogey-free 63 in the first round Thursday to build a two-shot lead at the Evian Championship.

● In Louisville, Ky., **Lucas Glover** birdied the final two holes for a 7-under 63 and a share of the first-round lead in the ISCO Championship. **Steven Fisk**, **Stephan Jaeger** and **Troy Merritt** joined Glover atop the leaderboard at Hurstbourne Country Club.

TOP PLAY

No pain in the net for Spain

By SEAN TREPPEDI

Don't let Monday's futile effort from the United States fool you. Belgium's 4-1 clinic over the Stars and Stripes in the Round of 16 was more of a fundamental mismatch than a testament to pure offensive firepower.

In fact, none of Belgium's five opponents rank above 15th in FotMob rating, a metric that calculates performance data to measure a team's overall impact. The Belgians may be peppering the goal with the second-most shots on target overall, but they rank in the bottom half in conversion.

Spain — the World Cup's leader in expected goal difference — will present a beast that *De Rode Duivels* have yet to contend with. Throughout five matches, *La Roja* is the only team left that's yet to concede a goal, having allowed just five shots on target from 29 total attempts.

That's in large part because there's no stronger force in the midfield than the Spaniards. Rodri and Pedri have dictated the tempo there against everyone, and Spain leads the remaining eight teams in possession with a 65.6 percent clip. Belgium's biggest weakness — especially without the ball — is in central areas.

After neutralizing Cristiano Ronaldo, Spain faces a transition-based team that will struggle to generate big chances in the final third. It'll be adios amigos for Belgium.

THE PLAY: Spain to record a clean sheet (+140, DraftKings).

Pitching Form

		(Game time)	2026		*REC	'25 vs OPP		CAREER	LAST 3 STARTS		
			W-L	ERA		W-L	ERA	vs OPP	W-L	IP	ERA
Phillies	Nola (R)		3-6	5.87	9-9	0-0	0.00	3-0	0-2	16.1	6.61
Tigers	Flaherty (R)	(6:40pm)	2-8	4.60	5-12	0-0	1.50	1-1	1-1	13.2	1.32
Yankees	Weathers (L)		3-7	4.29	7-10	1-0	0.00	2-1	1-2	11.2	5.40
Nationals	Palmquist (L)	(6:45pm)	0-1	7.10	0-2	—	—	—	0-1	8.1	8.64
Guardians	Messick (L)		7-5	2.80	10-8	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-2	19.1	3.26
Marlins	Alcantara (R)	(7:10pm)	10-4	4.00	13-6	0-0	0.00	0-1	3-0	20.1	3.10
Red Sox	Gray (R)		10-1	2.61	12-4	0-1	6.10	4-1	2-0	20.1	0.89
Mets	McLean (R)	(7:10pm)	6-5	3.73	8-10	—	—	—	2-1	18.0	4.00
Blue Jays	Bieber (R)		0-1	9.00	0-3	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	13.0	9.00
Padres	Sears (L)	(9:40pm)	2-1	4.70	2-1	0-0	3.60	2-0	2-1	15.1	4.70
Royals	Avila (R)		4-3	5.05	6-2	0-0	0.00	0-0	2-0	14.0	3.86
Orioles	Young (R)	(7:05pm)	7-2	3.38	11-3	0-0	0.00	0-0	2-0	15.0	4.20
Mariners	Castillo (R)		3-7	4.79	5-9	0-1	5.73	2-2	1-2	17.2	2.55
Rays	Martinez (R)	(7:10pm)	7-2	2.61	13-4	0-0	0.00	0-4	1-0	17.0	2.65
Athletics	Lopez (L)		4-3	7.04	5-5	—	—	—	0-1	10.2	11.47
White Sox	Burke (R)	(7:40pm)	5-4	3.56	6-8	0-0	0.00	0-2	1-0	17.2	2.04
Astros	Brown (R)		1-0	3.38	4-2	0-0	0.00	4-4	0-0	13.0	6.23
Rangers	Quantrill (R)	(8:05pm)	3-1	3.35	1-2	0-0	0.00	1-3	0-1	11.0	2.45
Angels	Rodriguez (R)		2-2	8.06	2-4	0-0	0.00	1-0	0-1	11.1	8.74
Twins	Matthews (R)	(8:10pm)	4-5	4.43	5-5	0-1	9.64	0-1	1-1	17.2	3.57
Brewers	Sproat (R)		3-4	5.13	10-5	0-0	0.00	0-0	2-0	15.1	1.76
Pirates	Ashcraft (R)	(6:40pm)	9-3	3.24	12-6	0-0	0.00	0-0	3-0	17.2	3.57
Cubs	Imanaga (L)		5-7	4.28	8-10	1-0	1.50	2-0	1-1	16.1	4.41
Reds	Greene (R)	(7:10pm)	0-1	21.60	0-1	0-0	0.00	5-1	1-1	18.1	4.91
Braves	Sale (L)		9-6	2.27	10-6	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-1	16.2	2.16
Cardinals	Leahy (R)	(8:15pm)	7-4	3.86	8-9	0-0	0.00	0-0	2-0	16.1	0.55
D'backs	Rodriguez (L)		7-3	2.25	13-5	0-0	0.82	2-4	1-1	19.2	1.37
Dodgers	Ohtani (R)	(10:10pm)	8-2	1.79	9-5	1-0	0.00	1-0	2-0	18.0	4.50
Rockies	Gordon (R)		0-2	6.95	1-3	0-1	10.12	0-2	0-2	13.0	9.69
Giants	Ray (L)	(10:15pm)	8-6	3.45	11-6	1-0	3.60	7-6	3-0	22.0	1.23

*** REC:** Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started.

STITCHES

Friday night is Fish night

He's going home. No, not Graham Platner; Tigers starting pitcher Justin Verlander is calling it quits after this season.

What a résumé: The 2011 American League MVP and three-time AL Cy Young winner, who won two World Series, was named to 10 All-Star teams and — oh, yeah — married Kate Upton.

How about some Friday night fish? The Marlins (30-17) host the Guardians. Miami's Sandy Alcantara won his seventh straight game when he defused the Athletics on the Fourth of July. We will take Sandy and the Marlins for $50.

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Bravo, Yaz, bravo! In a game that seemed to take longer than Luigi Mangione's pretrial, the Braves outslugged the Pirates 10-5. Atlanta's Bryce Elder surrendered three homers. The Braves hit three as well. The third was a Mike Yastrzemski grand slam that sealed the victory, one that puts us back in positive territory. Up +11 warrenspahns.

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Home Team Lineups

HOME AWAY

	TODAY July 10	SAT July 11	SUN July 12	MON July 13	TUE July 14
	Washington 6:45 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Washington 4:05 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Washington 1:35 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	NO GAME	All-Star Game 8:00 Fox 880 AM
	Boston 7:15 Apple TV 880 AM	Boston 4:10 SNY FS1 880 AM	Boston 1:40 PIX11 880 AM	NO GAME	All-Star Game 8:00 Fox 880 AM
	NO GAME	Minnesota 1:00 ABC	Toronto 3:00 Fox 5	NO GAME	NO GAME

Wednesday, July 22	Wednesday, July 22	Today
FIFA World Cup Break until July 22	FIFA World Cup Break until July 22	Utah Royals FC 10:00 Victory+

Today's Sports on the Air

	MLB BASEBALL	
6:45 p.m.	Yankees at Nationals	YES, 660 AM, 101.9 FM
7 p.m.	2026 HBCU Swingman Classic: A.L. vs. N.L.	MLBN
7:15 p.m.	Red Sox at Mets	Apple TV, 880 AM
8:15 p.m.	Braves at Cardinals	Apple TV
10 p.m.	Blue Jays at Padres	MLBN
	NBA BASKETBALL: SUMMER LEAGUE	
4 p.m.	Bucks vs. Heat	Prime Video
4:30 p.m.	Cavaliers vs. Pacers	ESPN2
6 p.m.	Nets vs. Knicks	MSG, Gotham App, Prime Video
6:30 p.m.	Rockets vs. Nuggets	ESPN2
8 p.m.	Bulls vs. Grizzlies	Prime Video
9 p.m.	Celtics vs. Raptors	ESPN
10 p.m.	Thunder vs. Lakers	Prime Video
11 p.m.	Trail Blazers vs. Suns	ESPNU
	MEN'S SOCCER: FIFA WORLD CUP	
4 p.m.	Quarterfinal: Spain vs. Belgium	Fox, Telemundo
	NWSL WOMEN'S SOCCER	
8 p.m.	Kansas City Current at Orlando Pride	Prime Video
10 p.m.	Gotham FC at Utah Royals FC	Victory+
	WNBA BASKETBALL	
7:30 p.m.	Wings at Tempo	ION
10 p.m.	Sky at Sparks	ION
	TENNIS	
8 a.m.	ATP: Wimbledon, Semifinals	ESPN
11 a.m.	ATP/WTA Newport Challenger Quarterfinals	Tennis
	GOLF	
6 a.m.	LPGA Tour: The Amundi Evian Championship, 2nd Round	Golf
11 a.m.	DP World/PGA Tour: Genesis Scottish Open, 2nd Round	Golf
2 p.m.	PGA Tour Champions: Kaulig Companies Championship, 2nd Rd.	Golf
3 p.m.	2026 American Century Championship: 1st Round	NBCSN
4 p.m.	DP World/PGA Tour: ISCO Championship, 2nd Round	Golf
4 a.m. (Sat.)	LPGA Tour: The Amundi Evian Championship, 3rd Round	Golf
	SOFTBALL	
7 p.m.	Athletes Unlimited: Blaze at Volts	ESPNU
9:30 p.m.	Athletes Unlimited: Bandits at Cascade	CBSSN
	MEN'S LACROSSE	
9 p.m.	PLL: Utah vs. New York	ESPN2
	AUTO RACING	
4 p.m.	ARCA Menards Series: Lime Rock Park ARCA 100	FS2
	HORSE RACING	
1 p.m.	Saratoga Live	FS2
6 p.m.	Saratoga Live	FS1
	AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL	
11 p.m.	Port Adelaide at St. Kilda	FS2
2 a.m. (Sat.)	Geelong at Greater Western Sydney	FS2
	X GAMES	
7 p.m.	MoonPay X Games Chiba 2026: Day 1	ESPN
	CYCLING	
6:30 a.m.	UCI: Tour de France, Stage 7	NBCSN

ODDS & ENDS

WORLD CUP
Friday
Spain vs. Belgium

3-WAY BETTING (90 minutes plus stoppage time)	ODDS
Spain	-160
Draw	+300
Belgium	+425

TOTAL GOALS (including extra time)	ODDS
Over 2.5	-168
Under 2.5	+136

BOTH TEAMS SCORE (including extra time)	ODDS
Yes	-142
No	+112

ANYTIME GOAL SCORER (including extra time)	ODDS
Mikel Oyarzabal (SPA)	+110
Lamine Yamal (SPA)	+145
Ferran Torres (SPA)	+165
Nico Williams (SPA)	+200
Mikel Merino (SPA)	+240
Romelu Lukaku (BEL)	+260
Dani Olmo (SPA)	+260
Álex Baena (SPA)	+270
Charles De Ketelaere (BEL)	+400

TWO OR MORE GOALS (including extra time)	ODDS
Mikel Oyarzabal (SPA)	+650
Lamine Yamal (SPA)	+950
Ferran Torres (SPA)	12/1
Nico Williams (SPA)	16/1
Mikel Merino (SPA)	20/1
Dani Olmo (SPA)	22/1
Romelu Lukaku (BEL)	22/1

Norway vs. England

3-WAY BETTING (90 minutes plus stoppage time)	ODDS
Norway	+310
Draw	+260
England	-120

TOTAL GOALS (including extra time)	ODDS
Over 2.5	-188
Under 2.5	+152

BOTH TEAMS SCORE (including extra time)	ODDS
Yes	-176
No	+138

ANYTIME GOAL SCORER (including extra time)	ODDS
Harry Kane (ENG)	-120
Erling Haaland (NOR)	+110
Jude Bellingham (ENG)	+230
Marcus Rashford (ENG)	+240
Anthony Gordon (ENG)	+260
Noni Madueke (ENG)	+270
Bukayo Saka (ENG)	+270
Alexander Sorloth (NOR)	+330

TWO OR MORE GOALS (including extra time)	ODDS
Harry Kane (ENG)	+480
Erling Haaland (NOR)	+650
Jude Bellingham (ENG)	19/1
Marcus Rashford (ENG)	20/1
Anthony Gordon (ENG)	22/1
Bukayo Saka (ENG)	25/1

BET SMART

Take Max discount vs. McGregor hype

By ERICH RICHTER

Conor McGregor is the biggest name in mixed martial arts, and his return Saturday night is appointment viewing.

After five years away from the octagon recovering from a shattered tibia and fibula he suffered in July 2021, he's back to face Max Holloway.

It's a loaded card at UFC 329 that will garner tons of eyeballs as McGregor will get a ton of public eyeballs from fans who don't often watch.

Ten of the 14 fights on the card are projected to end inside the distance as the UFC loves to book some squash matches for prospects.

Here are our predictions for the full UFC 329 card:

Conor McGregor vs. Max Holloway

McGregor is a public darling. His odds opened at +420 and have been bet all the way down to +175.

He's skilled in the ways of striking. At his peak, he was the exception to so many rules about one-dimensional fighters.

McGregor has enough power in the sport that he was able to force Holloway to move up to 170 pounds for this fight after the Hawaiian had appeared at 145 pounds just 20 months ago before going up to 155. It's an obscene ask by McGregor, but it does give him a legitimate edge. McGregor has been fighting mainly at 170 pounds since 2016 when he took on Nate Diaz.

These two fought previously, with McGregor and Holloway battling at featherweight in 2013 — but that fight was so long ago that you can't really take anything from it.

Given the incredible dip in odds on Holloway, and McGregor having not fought since 2021 with an injury that no one has come back from successfully, I'll take the favorite.

When is the last time McGregor looked really good in a fight? Holloway beat the brakes off Arnold Allen, beat Yair Rodriguez, and while he was knocked out by Ilia Topuria, that fight was plenty competitive.

I think Holloway is a gift at -210, and he should win this one going away.

Predictions: Holloway moneyline for parlays; Holloway wins in over 4.5 minutes (-140, DraftKings)

Benoît Saint Denis vs. Paddy Pimblett

An absolute banger co-main event in the lightweight division, as Paddy Pimblett faces Benoît Saint Denis, a former French special forces soldier.

The Frenchman has been on a roll, winning four in a row and all of them by finish.

Pimblett is coming off a loss to Justin Gaethje — who is now the lightweight champion — but was undefeated in the UFC prior to that.

From a betting angle, Saint Denis is a very interesting fighter who packs the bigger punching power, but there are legitimate concerns about his cardio.

When Pimblett recently spoke to The Post, he said he intended to drag his opponent into deep water and get a finish in Round 3, if it got that far. I like that angle. Saint Denis makes some foolish errors in the grappling. We saw Dustin Poirier nearly submit him multiple times with lazy takedown attempts.

If you do that against Pimblett, he will submit you. That's worth a stab, to be sure, and I love the odds on FanDuel.

Prediction: Pimblett by submission in Rounds 2 or 3 (12/1, FanDuel).

Rest of the card

Cory Sandhagen vs. Mario Bautista: Sandhagen by decision (+190, BetRivers).

Brandon Royval vs. Lone'er Kavanagh: Kavanagh by decision (+140, theScore Bet).

King Green vs. Terrance McKinney: McKinney wins in Round 1 (+104, BetRivers).

Nikita Krylov vs. Robert Whittaker: Whittaker by decision (+270, FanDuel).

Gable Steveson vs. Elisha Ellison: Pass

Cody Garbrandt vs. Adrian Yanez: Yanez by KO/TKO (+100, BetRivers).

Luke Riley vs, Kai Kamaka III: Riley by decision (+120, FanDuel).

Tracy Cortez vs. Wang Cong: Wang by decision (+245, BetRivers).

Damian Pinas vs. Cesar Almeida: Pinas by submission (13/1 BetRivers).

Farid Basharat vs. John Garza: Basharat by submission (+155, FanDuel).

Ryan Gandra vs. Zachary Reese: Reese by submission (+450, theScore Bet).

Alessandro Costa vs. Cody Durden: Durden by decision (+470, Prophetx/FanDuel).

Conor McGregor

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WORK OF HEART

GIMME AN E! Christina Louca, who will be a junior at Seaford High School, was diagnosed in February with a cardiac condition after undergoing an EKG the school offered to student-athletes. Cleared to compete again, Louca is working with the Connor Kasin Memorial Foundation to spread awareness. Corey Sipkin

Seaford cheerleader spreading awareness after school-sponsored EKG detected dangerous condition

By ALEX MITCHELL

Christina Louca has plenty of heart.

Sophomore year, life took an unexpected turn for the Seaford cheerleader and runner when she was shockingly diagnosed with Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome, a cardiac condition that, at its worst, could cause the 16-year-old to have a heart attack.

"I never really dealt with something like this; I never had health problems in the past," Louca told The Post.

"I was really shocked, and I was pretty nervous," she added of the February diagnosis.

Such a frightening condition was completely out of sight and out of mind for Louca and her family, as nothing had appeared in a routine physical to indicate its presence.

Louca's case was flagged by an EKG only because the Seaford school district offered free cardiovascular screenings for more than 200 of its student-athletes.

"Before, I didn't really want to go. I thought, 'I'm already healthy, I never had any problems, why should I go?' " Louca said.

It was at the urging of her mom, Tricia, that Christina underwent the quick, potentially life-saving test.

Louca was able to keep competing in her sports on the condition that a portable defibrillator was on site and, in May, had a catheter ablation that corrected her issue.

She's already back doing jumps at summer cheer practice.

"I never have to worry about it again," said Louca, a rising junior who wants to pursue nursing.

"I feel super grateful because now I'm safe. ... I'm just grateful I have this opportunity to live my life."

Efforts not in vein

Louca learned throughout the ordeal that she was one of many young athletes with a heart condition hiding in plain sight.

The EKG she had was coordinated by two local moms whose athletic sons died from similar cardiovascular conditions.

They turned pain into purpose by launching Heart Screen NY and visiting schools across Long Island to test kids at no cost.

"We've screened over 8,000 children," said Karen Acompora, who lost her high school-aged son, Louis, more than two decades ago when a lacrosse ball struck the Northport native in his chest. "We have about 166 findings."

Acompora runs Heart Screen NY with Melinda Murray-Nyack, whose son, Dominic, had a cardiovascular episode while going for a layup at Farmingdale State College — after she lost her husband to a heart attack.

"It feels like we're doing something right if we could send a child home to their parents," Murray-Nyack said. "But it just can't just be us doing what we do."

Nobody understands that better than Louca and her mom, both of whom have become major advocates for the screenings.

"It can definitely save lots of lives in the future," Louca said.

"My story could be very common for someone else, and I feel like if they see me, who found this out, they'll be like, 'Oh, if she had it, I could possibly have it.' "

A heartwarming cause

Louca is partnering with the Connor Kasin Memorial Foundation, named for the nearby Massapequa hockey star who died during a 2024 charity game. Connor had a heart condition he and his family were unaware of that was also undetected in physicals.

The foundation's goal, and that of Connor's parents, Craig and Mary, is to pass Connor's Law in Albany, making EKGs mandatory for student-athletes in New York through a bill introduced by local assemblyman Michael Durso.

"Maybe nobody else will have to experience the death and loss as Mary and Craig experienced," Tricia said, calling it "a new mission" to work with the family one town over.

"It's just a couple stickers, a five-minute EKG, and it could definitely change lives and keep many lives here."

Connor's story deeply resonated with Christina when she heard that he was similarly unaware of the fatal arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy in his heart.

"That's why I feel like we should spread more awareness to it," she said, "so something like that doesn't happen to other people."

Louca will be speaking at a foundation gala Aug. 6, sharing her story as living proof that teenagers should get screened.

"This is a perfect example of why we need Connor's Law. If they didn't happen to have a test here at the school, who knows?" Craig said of Louca's heart exam.

Connor's mom agreed.

"The EKG works," Mary said, "and she's going to have a great life ahead of her."

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Feel the draft

Hofstra pitcher Carlos Martinez has loved baseball since he was an infant, sitting in a stroller behind the dugout fence while his dad coached Little League.

Now the 21-year-old righty may get drafted into the bigs this weekend.

"Hopefully, I'll get my name called on the first day," he told The Post. "My goal is to play professional baseball and be one of the best at it."

Martinez is ranked 212 in ESPN's top 250 MLB prospects ahead of the draft, and the senior-to-be — a Yankees fan from Queens — enjoyed the mentorship of Hofstra's coach, former big leaguer Frank Catalanotto.

"He's just given me a lot of confidence," Martinez said. "I feel like I can compete with anybody on the planet."

Long Island high school shortstop Aiden Ruiz is also hoping to hear his name called, as there's been much noise around the Stony Brook School star who just graduated.

"I'm pretty calm right now. I haven't thought too much about it, but as we get closer, I mean, it's a thought every kid is going to have," added the Vanderbilt commit, also from Queens.

"I feel like I am very consistent, I'm very hard working, and that's just going to carry on and off the field," Ruiz said of his defining qualities.

Should the 19-year-old have to wait another two years for a path into an MLB system, he's OK with that too.

"I'll go to college and go win a national championship with Vanderbilt," Ruiz said.

Chris McHugh, a Commack High School 2023 graduate and North Carolina State first baseman, also attended the draft combine in June as a top prospect.

Title on the line

The Fighting Tomcats are on a highway to the danger zone.

American Soccer Club will take on New Haven United FC for the NPSL's North Atlantic Conference championship after a 3-1 playoff win over the New York Shockers on Wednesday night.

"They're up for it — it's a healthy rivalry that we have with them," head coach John Fitzgerald told The Post of the Connecticut team.

Their last meeting was plenty dramatic at Mitchel Field, when a storm forced an evacuation of the stadium while AFC trailed in the final minutes.

The Tomcats responded when the clouds cleared with a last-minute tying goal to end the match at 2-2 in June.

"I think the boys are feeling good," Fitzgerald said of Sunday's match.

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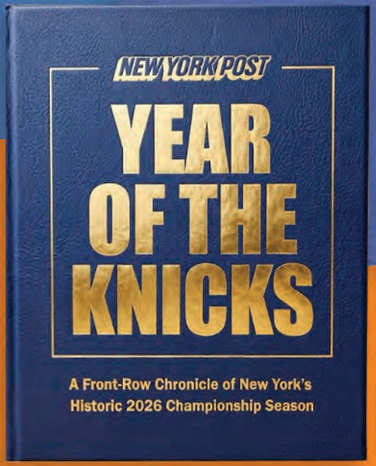
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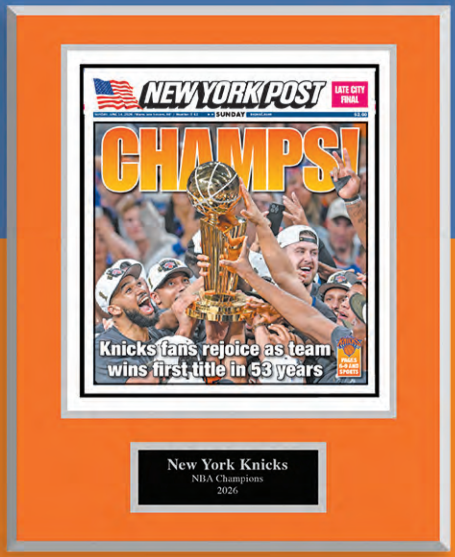
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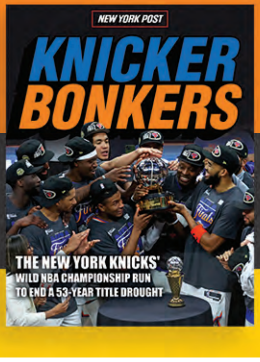
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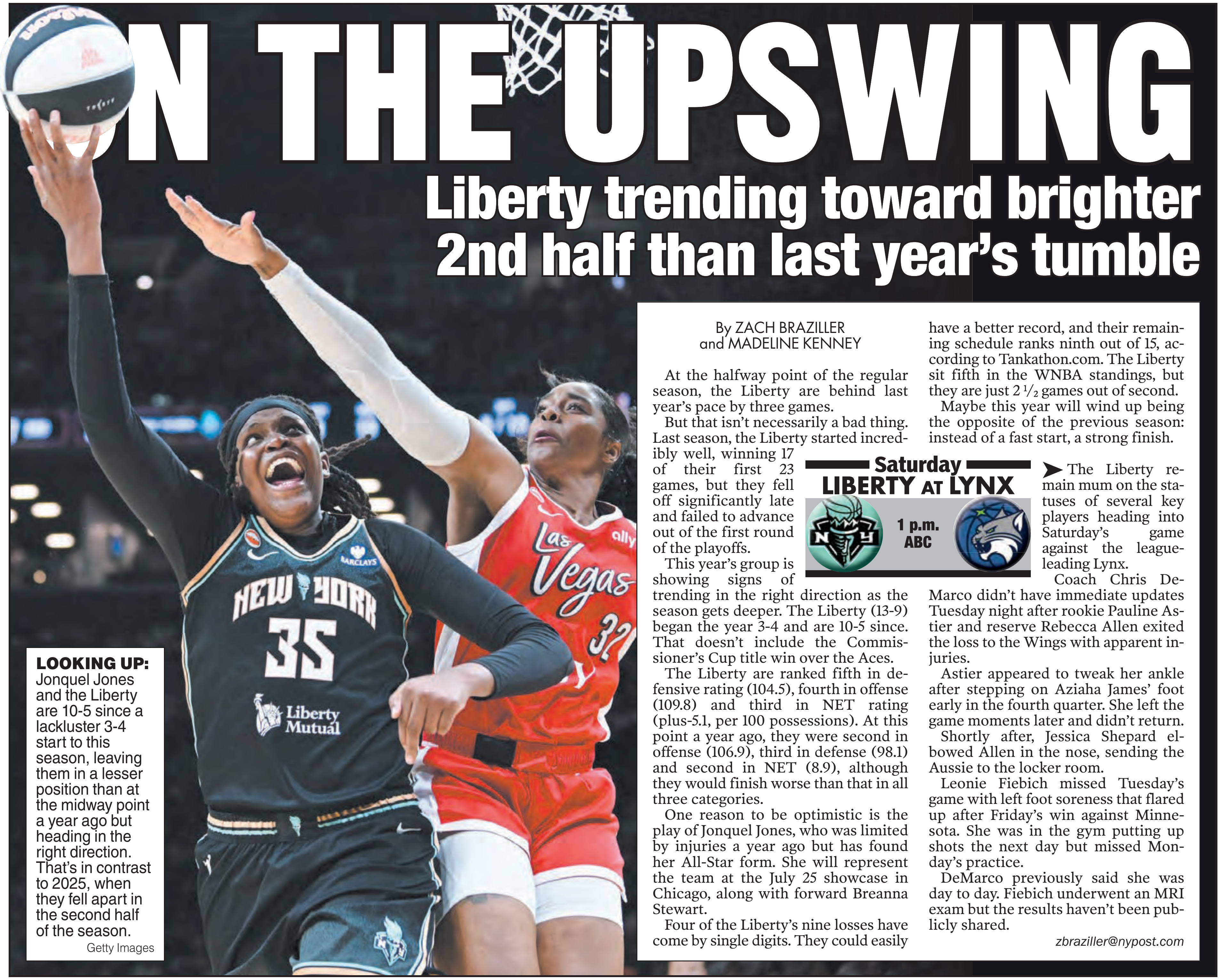
ON THE UPSWING

Liberty trending toward brighter 2nd half than last year's tumble



LOOKING UP: Jonquel Jones and the Liberty are 10-5 since a lackluster 3-4 start to this season, leaving them in a lesser position than at the midway point a year ago but heading in the right direction. That's in contrast to 2025, when they fell apart in the second half of the season.

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By ZACH BRAZILLER
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At the halfway point of the regular season, the Liberty are behind last year's pace by three games.

But that isn't necessarily a bad thing. Last season, the Liberty started incredibly well, winning 17 of their first 23 games, but they fell off significantly late and failed to advance out of the first round of the playoffs.

This year's group is showing signs of trending in the right direction as the season gets deeper. The Liberty (13-9) began the year 3-4 and are 10-5 since. That doesn't include the Commissioner's Cup title win over the Aces.

The Liberty are ranked fifth in defensive rating (104.5), fourth in offense (109.8) and third in NET rating (plus-5.1, per 100 possessions). At this point a year ago, they were second in offense (106.9), third in defense (98.1) and second in NET (8.9), although they would finish worse than that in all three categories.

One reason to be optimistic is the play of Jonquel Jones, who was limited by injuries a year ago but has found her All-Star form. She will represent the team at the July 25 showcase in Chicago, along with forward Breanna Stewart.

Four of the Liberty's nine losses have come by single digits. They could easily have a better record, and their remaining schedule ranks ninth out of 15, according to Tankathon.com. The Liberty sit fifth in the WNBA standings, but they are just 2 1/2 games out of second.

Maybe this year will wind up being the opposite of the previous season: instead of a fast start, a strong finish.

Saturday
LIBERTY AT LYNX
1 p.m.
ABC

➤ The Liberty remain mum on the statuses of several key players heading into Saturday's game against the league-leading Lynx.

Coach Chris DeMarco didn't have immediate updates Tuesday night after rookie Pauline Astier and reserve Rebecca Allen exited the loss to the Wings with apparent injuries.

Astier appeared to tweak her ankle after stepping on Aziaha James' foot early in the fourth quarter. She left the game moments later and didn't return.

Shortly after, Jessica Shepard elbowed Allen in the nose, sending the Aussie to the locker room.

Leonie Fiebich missed Tuesday's game with left foot soreness that flared up after Friday's win against Minnesota. She was in the gym putting up shots the next day but missed Monday's practice.

DeMarco previously said she was day to day. Fiebich underwent an MRI exam but the results haven't been publicly shared.

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New deal for star Lavelle a Gotham FC priority

By JONATHAN LEHMAN

Gotham star midfielder Rose Lavelle technically has been a free agent since July 1.

In an interview this week, Gotham president of soccer operations Yael Averbuch West indicated the club is in active talks to retain Lavelle on a fresh contract.

"We're working every day on it," Averbuch West told The Post.

Asked whether Gotham wanted to re-sign Lavelle and about the status of negotiations, Averbuch West began by saying, "I think every team wants to sign Rose Lavelle, so absolutely," which is both shorthand for the value of the 31-year-old playmaker and where the anxiety can come in from supporters as she remains unsigned beyond 2026.

ROSE LAVELLE

Lavelle is among the headliners of the NWSL's class of 2027 free agents. Those players became free to agree to a contract with another team at the start of July.

Lavelle, a longtime standout with the U.S. women's national team, joined Gotham in 2024, when she finished with eight goal contributions (seven goals, one assist). She missed the first half of the 2025 season following ankle surgery, then returned to help lead the team to a second NWSL championship in three years. In 2026, she has two goals in 10 matches and remains the creative spark in the team's attack.

It seems like a tell that Lavelle was featured in Gotham's promotional materials around the team's move to Etihad Park in Queens for the 2028 season, which was announced Tuesday.

There are other pieces to the puzzle to consider as Averbuch West shapes a contender-level roster in compliance with the NWSL salary cap.

Gotham's other notable free agents include goalkeeper Ann-Katrin Berger, defender Jess Carter, forward Midge Purce and captain Mandy Freeman.

"I can't speak to many specifics, but as I think people have seen, we work very hard on the roster, and we're always thinking about and evaluating the roster," Averbuch West said.

Emily Sonnett also was on an expiring contract, but on the eve of free agency, she agreed to an extension that runs through 2028.

Sam Kerr, the superstar Australian striker, joined this month on a contract through 2030.

Gotham returned to action after the NWSL's summer break with a 2-0 loss at first-place San Diego. They sit in seventh place, part of a trend of middling regular-season results, and have scored just 12 goals in 12 matches.

They play Friday night at fourth-place Utah before returning home to play the "Queens Classic" on July 15 against the Washington Spirit in front of an expected record-setting crowd at Citi Field.

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Gauff ‘panicked’ on match-point miss in Wimbledon semis loss

DRAMA-FILLED DEFEAT: Coco Gauff was one shot away from her first final at Wimbledon, but a blown shot on her first match point helped propel Karolina Muchova to victory. Getty Images

By ANDREW DAMPF

LONDON — Coco Gauff had just the shot she was looking for.

Seven years after her breakthrough at Wimbledon, the American player was on the verge of reaching her first final at the All England Club.

All she needed to do was execute what appeared to be a manageable put-away on her first match point.

The thing is, it’s never that simple in a Grand Slam semifinal, especially toward the end of a decisive super tiebreaker on Centre Court — the sport’s most hallowed venue.

Gauff fluffed a forehand dropshot attempt into the net and her opponent Karolina Muchova went on to see out a drama-filled tiebreaker to win 6-2, 1-6, 7-6 (10) on Thursday.

On the match point, Gauff hit a well-placed serve down the T on the ad court and Muchova’s weak forehand return bounced before the service line — right in Gauff’s attack zone. But Muchova’s shot had some topspin on it and kicked up higher than Gauff was anticipating.

“The bounce kind of caught me off guard,” Gauff said. “I just panicked a little bit.”

After the miss, Gauff ran her non-hitting hand over her face and practiced a full-swing forehand that perhaps she would have preferred in hindsight.

“People who don’t watch tennis are going to be like, ’Why did you do that?” Gauff said. “At the end of the day, that’s the choice I made. Was it the right one in that moment? Maybe not. But then also, if I make it, everyone’s going to say how clutch of a shot that was.

“That’s just tennis. You lose some points off margins.”

Muchova also lost a match point before she came out on top when Gauff hit a forehand into the net.

“It was such a big fight,” Muchova said. “It was a roller coaster.”

Muchova will meet Linda Noskova in an all-Czech final on Saturday after Noskova beat Marta Kostyuk of Ukraine 6-4, 6-4.

Clearly flustered after her miss, Gauff called for a ball to serve again before she realized it was time to change ends since it was 9-9.

“I’m going to think about it tonight,” Gauff said.

“I look at Roger [Federer, in the 2019 final] lost match points here, Jannik [Sinner] obviously at Roland Garros [in last year’s final]. Every great champion has this happen in their career,” Gauff added. “Maybe this is something I need to be on their level.”

Tracy Austin suggested on the BBC that Gauff looked like “she changed her mind three times as to where to hit that ball.”

But Gauff said, “Honestly, I didn’t change my mind too much. I feel like if I had to do it over, I probably would have gone for a slice forehand down the line.

“It’s a learning experience,” Gauff added. “I know I can do better and improve on that, and going with a higher-margin shot in a pressure moment, for sure.”

The men’s semifinals on Friday feature top-ranked and defending champion Jannik Sinner against seven-time Wimbledon winner Novak Djokovic and French Open champion Alexander Zverev against British wild card Arthur Fery. *— AP*

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♋ **CANCER**
(June 22-July 23)

You like to believe you are doing something useful with your life and over the next few days you will be able to point to concrete examples of why that is true. As one of the zodiac's Water signs you rarely hesitate to help those in need.

♌ **LEO**
(July 24-Aug. 23)

A partnership has had its ups and downs in recent weeks but on a fundamental level you are on the same page, so don't start thinking you might be better off without it. There is still a great deal you can accomplish together.

♍ **VIRGO**
(Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

If you need assistance then you must speak up. If you merely assume that friends and loved ones can see you are in trouble you may be disappointed to find they have no idea about the pressures you are under. So let them know.

♎ **LIBRA**
(Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

There may be a mountain between you and your goal but you won't let that worry you. You are in one of those moods at the moment when you just know that everything will work out for the best. And you're right, it will.

♏ **SCORPIO**
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

You may have a reputation for being ruthless with people who oppose you but you also show great kindness to those who need assistance, and that is the face you will show to the world over the next 24 hours. You're one of life's good guys.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS**
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

You cannot afford to get bogged down in petty details today and over the weekend, so refuse to get involved in anything you cannot deal with in under an hour. Your time is precious and must not be squandered on matters of no consequence.

♑ **CAPRICORN**
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Someone in a position of authority has been watching you closely and very much likes what they see, so expect an offer of some kind to come your way either today or over the weekend. Give it some serious thought, and then say Yes.

♒ **AQUARIUS**
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

There may be moments today when it seems as if Lady Luck wants nothing to do with you but more likely it is your own negative thinking that is holding you back. On the work front especially you must strive to be more optimistic.

♓ **PISCES**
(Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

If you get the chance to do a good deed for someone today don't pass it up. It doesn't matter if they merit your kindness, it matters only that you recognize it is the right thing to do. Charity isn't about what is deserved, it's about moral obligation.

♈ **ARIES**
(March 21-April 20)

It is natural for you to leave what needs to be done until the very last moment but if you do that today you could find yourself working into the early hours of Saturday to meet a deadline. Do you really want to start the weekend exhausted?

♉ **TAURUS**
(April 21-May 21)

What occurs today will remind you that while it is okay to have doubts you must not allow those doubts to get on top of you and influence your long-term thinking. Some amazing things are going to be happening very soon, so stop worrying!

♊ **GEMINI**
(May 22-June 21)

The more others urge you to follow the herd the more inclined you will be to go in the opposite direction. With both Mars and Uranus in your sign you have no intention of letting friends and family members tell you what to do.

BIRTHDAY FRIDAY

You will have some big decisions to make over the coming year, not just for yourself but for other people as well. Listen to what your inner voice tells you and ignore those who claim to know better than you. A higher power is guiding your choices.

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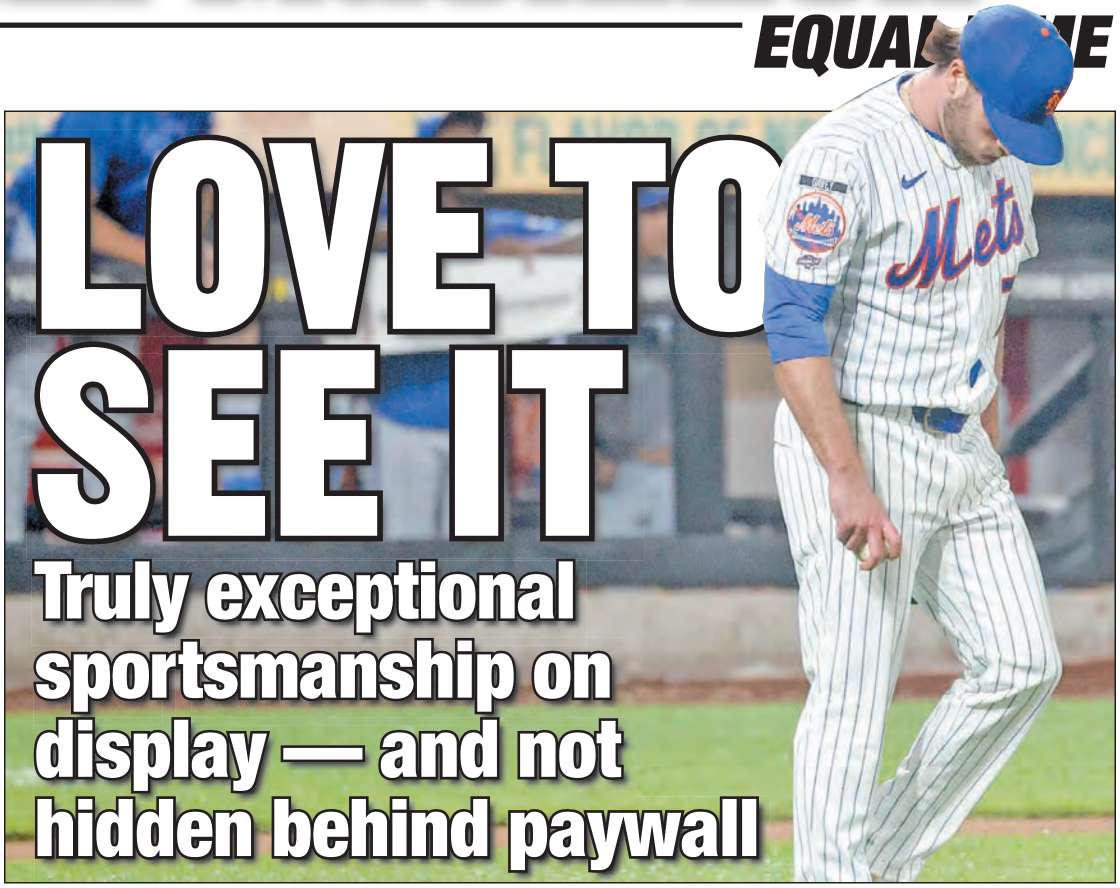

LOVE TO SEE IT

Truly exceptional sportsmanship on display — and not hidden behind paywall

GOT HIS BACK: Mets reliever Matt Seelinger got lit up by the Royals on Tuesday, but his teammates were there for him in the dugout, patting him on the back in an attempt to alleviate his disappointment. Robert Sabo

MEMORIES of Jimmy Piersall running the bases backward in the Polo Grounds came to mind. That was 1963. I was a kid. Piersall, playing for the Mets, had homered off the Phils' Dallas Green.

Even then, though, I knew it was nuts.

Tuesday, my undivided inattention made for a similarly weird day in latter-day local baseball TV viewing.

First, both the Mets and Yanks were on pay cable as opposed to pay-pay-streaming, the wave goodbye of the future as the Bud Selig/Rob Manfred Era takes its orders from team owners wedded to unneeded and premature economic destruction.

Streaming MLB games could have waited until its access and demand were a national given. But MLB allowed The Game to be used as corporate fools' bait. Pigs in a blanket. Now you see us, now you don't. Consult local listings.

Being that you can't shame the shameless, all 15 MLB games Sunday, July 5 of the July 4 holiday weekend were sold to NBC's Peacock. Imagine, a July Sunday, not a game to be had without tethered to a ransom payment.

But back to Tuesday, where the Mets, in what appeared to be a beer league softball game, lost at home to the Royals, 16-12, despite KC's sign-of-the-times three errors on a single play.

Called up to pitch for the Mets was 31-year-old Long Islander Matt Seelinger, who was bombed, a sacrifice to organizational ineptitude, desperation and wishful thinking.

But something noteworthy — downright beautiful — then happened. Upon returning to the dugout, every Mets player rose to approach Seelinger to slap him on the back, lessen the sting, as if to let him know they'd all been there. Wherever "there" would next be.

Seelinger was let go.

Another phoenix arose from this game's ashes. Kansas City's Tyler Tolbert —, a happy-to-be-here, hustling, infield-hit specialist who bats ninth in the order— got a hit in an MLB record-tying 12th straight at-bat. He puts the ball in play — imagine! — then runs like hell.

When he finally made an out, he returned to the dugout, broadly smiling, his teammates lined up to show him their love.

As MLB beer league softball games go — and can be seen on TV sans ransom — it was good for what ails us. Glad I stuck it out. Kumbaya!

Manners shouldn't 'Cease' to exist in baseball

WEDNESDAY in San Francisco, Blue Jays starter **Dylan Cease** had a no-hitter and big lead into the ninth. When the first batter hit a bloop single, Cease was removed.

En route to the visitors dugout, he was given a standing ovation by the home team's nearby crowd for giving them something worth watching.

Cease didn't make a move. Not a touch of his cap, not a quick wave, nothing. What a shame. Even showing gratitude to paying customers, home and away, is out.

It was a day game. Kids were seated near the backstop. Cease could have looked up to give one a wink or a nod. Made a Cease/MLB fan for life. Nah. Not at a mere $35 million.

➤ Sunday in Sacramento, Marlins starter **Eury Pérez** had a perfect game through seven on 92 pitches, and an 8-0 lead. You wouldn't have touched him with a 100-foot foul pole.

But manager **Clayton McCullough** apparently had seen enough. He yanked Perez.

Final score: Marlins 9, A's 8.

McCullough beat the grim reaper he summoned by a run. But two-plus-two is now a matter of opinion.

➤ Ever wonder if the short right field wall in Yankee Stadium actually hurts the Yanks, as in lefty-batting **Austin Wells** hitting .155, **Jazz Chisholm Jr.** .232 and even **Clay Bellinger** given to slumps?

Has hitting 21 homers last season while batting .219 and striking out, ugh!, 118 times in 401 at-bats helped Wells this season? Chisholm has dropped almost 50 percentage points since becoming a Yankee as he pursues two-strike home runs to right field.

The human condition, starting with the eyes in Yankee Stadium, almost demands that swings are altered to try to produce fly balls.

➤ It's not just the ethnic neighborhoods' riots and shootings. The World Cup brings out the inane and insane in far too many.

Canadian midfielder **Liam Miller** after a 1-0 win over South Africa: "It can change the perspective of our country forever."

Really? Had he never heard of the World War II raid on Dieppe? Thirty-three hundred Canadian commandos killed, wounded or taken prisoner to free the world of murderous fascism. Yeah, a soccer match would forever replace that in history.

➤ Progress: Saturday, after Mets catcher **Luis Torrens** was again called in to mop the slop, **Gary Cohen**, who asserts his self-assigned Alpha Male presence to identify *every* pitch — as if we give a rat's resin bag — chose not to ID any of Torrens' pitches.

Then again, Torrens hasn't yet mastered the up-and-in, 58-mph "backdoor sweeper."

Hey, Gary, how'd you like to be seated beside a guy at a game who tells you what pitch he thinks was thrown after every pitch? Would you be annoyed, or just bring a radio to listen to **Howie Rose**?

No. 1 NHL pick has 'humble' beginning

ALREADY rooting for NHL No. 1 draft pick, 18-year-old left winger **Gavin McKenna**, selected by the Leafs. Sounding like a well-raised young adult, he said he'll follow his folks' guidance about expected stardom: "Be humble, stay humble."

➤ Hold the fickle, hold the onions: So now, **Christian Pulisic**, multi-talented midfielder/forward for the U.S. World Cup team who obviously played while injured, is nothing better than a bum.

➤ Reader **Richard Mincieli** writes that given the worsening state of NYC government, **Mel Brooks**' 1967 Nazi farce no longer strikes him as comedy.

➤ If he plays as he did for the Panthers, the Devils' acquisition of 32-year-old two-way center **Evan Rodrigues** will be a good one. He's a puck-hunter with good here-and-now instincts. Raised in Canada, his father immigrated there from Portugal. He played four years at Boston U.

➤ This week, the Yankees struck out 17 times in consecutive games while trying to hit homers against the first-place Rays. That's an AL record — as if the league any longer matters. Boy, that designated-hitter-for-all thing has worked like a charm.

➤ Hey, know-it-all **Stephen A. Smith**, among other anything-for-a-buck celebs: Did you know that the CarShield business you endorse as the holy pulpit truth, was recently hit with a $10 million fine by the Federal Trade Commission for bogus TV advertising?

➤ No offense readers, but stop emailing me to complain about MLB telecasts lost to exclusive streaming deals. For three years I've been spitting into that storm. Complain to **Rob Manfred** and dyspeptic Yanks president **Randy Levine**, who claimed that "it turns my stomach" to think about losing baseball to a strike over money.

➤ I'm not above a low blow: Former Phillies pitcher **Al Holland** died this week. Reader **Brad Berkowitz** asks if **Mike Francesa** only knew him as Al Netherlands.

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Setting goals

Islanders prospect Eiserman — who has reputation for scoring — focusing on rest of game

By ANDREW CRANE

Jay Pandolfo watched it for two years from his perch behind the Boston University bench. Cole Eiserman, he said, wants to score. Loves to score. Thinks it's the way that he — as a 19-year-old and 2024 first-round pick now officially in the Islanders organization — can help.

Eiserman possessed a shot that goalies just couldn't find a way to stop. "He's special at scoring goals," Pandolfo, the BU head coach, told The Post. Eiserman collected 25 as a freshman, produced a clutch one in the Beanpot title game, anchored the Terriers' run to the Frozen Four and collected six more in six games to open his encore as a sophomore.

But then he sustained a lower-body injury in October 2025 after getting crunched into the boards from behind, forcing him to miss three weeks. Then, goal droughts followed — one three games long, one that was six games, and another three-game drought across the rest of the year. Eiserman looked human.

But months later, as Pandolfo reflected at the onset of an important summer ahead of a critical first training camp, he referred to those stretches as a "learning experience." Eiserman handled it well, Pandolfo said, and that consistency, that ability to still contribute even when the goals don't string together, will be a key variable as Eiserman pushes for a chance with the Islanders.

His strengths have become obvious. His questions, especially the defensive one that he admitted he was "still getting better at" back in December, are, too.

Eiserman's ability to achieve hockey equilibrium, to find the perfect balance when everything gets tougher at the professional level, could dictate how fast he climbs — and just how prominent a role he could carry.

"He's always scored goals at every level," Pandolfo said. "Always has scored goals. But there's gonna be times, everyone goes through it at the NHL level, where for whatever reason the puck's just not going in for you, alright? And you have to bring value in other areas of your game, and that consistency for him is gonna be the most important thing."

His opportunity might not materialize in training camp. It might take an injury to an Islanders forward during the year or a scorching tear by Eiserman to land his first NHL chance. He appeared in 14 AHL games last season between the regular season and playoffs after signing his entry-level deal, collecting two goals and nine points across that stretch, and he'll join a crowded group of prospects on the cusp of landing an Islanders chance. Cal Ritchie forced his way onto the roster last year after being one of the final cuts and seems destined to break camp with the main group. Victor Eklund got his taste of the NHL in Game 82.

The hype stemming from Eiserman's dazzling freshman season of 36 points in 39 games at BU — and the 18-goal campaign that followed as a sophomore despite the injury and the droughts — will follow him to Northwell Health Ice Center for training camp. Pandolfo thought Eiserman might return from a third college season after missing time, but "he wants to play pro hockey and he wants to be an NHL player."

So there he was, skating in the prospect scrimmage in another year of development camp with the Islanders. There he was, back at BU on Wednesday, skating with a group as a former Terriers player. The ceiling is high for Eiserman, something captured in his Beanpot moment as a freshman in 2024-25 — when he stole the puck in the neutral zone and used his backhand to score a late goal. The early signs of his talent emerged during his cameo with AHL Bridgeport, as Eiserman joined a group in the middle of a playoff race and still found ways to produce.

"You learn a lot," Pandolfo said of Eiserman's AHL games. "Just gives you some confidence knowing kind of what to expect before you step into an NHL training camp, so I think that was probably really beneficial for Cole to go through that and have that experience."

Eiserman's strong release became his shot's defining trait. He knew the right timing for stepping into pucks and for finding space to get chances off. He'd take sequences where he didn't score and then work on locating where the puck should've gone in those moments, Pandolfo said.

It'll take time for the questions to completely fade away, for his goal-scoring speciality and his perfectionistic approach with his shot to be Eiserman's lasting Islanders image. Those concerns are inevitable with any prospect. And training camp, and what follows afterward, will mark a first step toward that point.

"I think just trying to keen in on those little details and those pro habits that you have to have if you want to play," Eiserman told a team reporter at development camp of his mindset heading into training camp.

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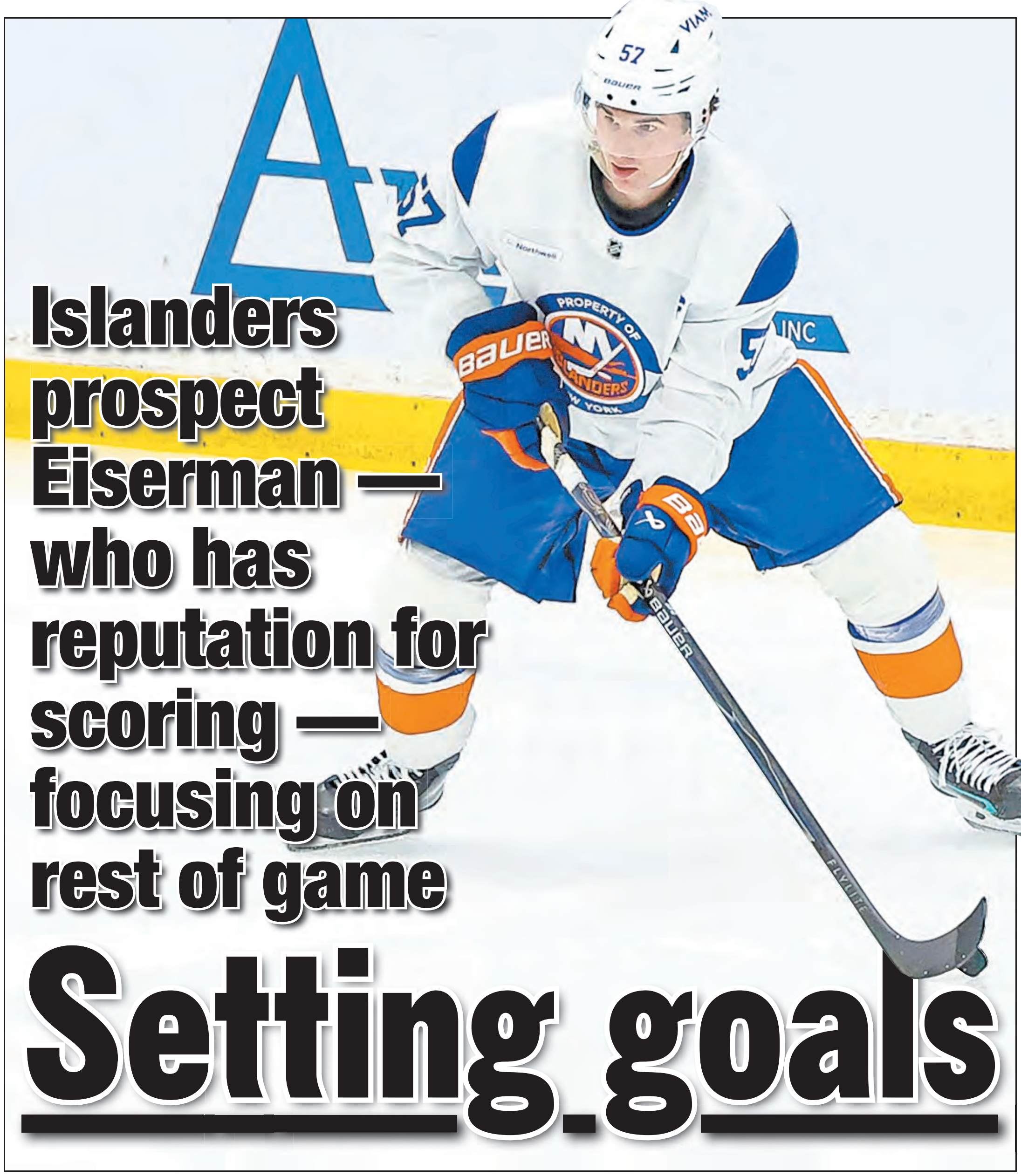

SHOOT TO THRILL: Cole Eiserman, in action July 1 with other Islanders rookies, has a high ceiling based on his freshman season at BU, where he tallied 36 points in 39 games for the Terriers. Dennis A. Clark

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Mbappé scores 20th goal in 20 career World Cup matches

By ETHAN SEARS

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — He is, with every match, moving himself further on into history.

This time it was Kylian Mbappé's 20th goal in 20 career World Cup contests, his eighth of this tournament to tie Lionel Messi for the Golden Boot lead and to break open Thursday's quarterfinal in favor of France.

Mbappé has never been eliminated from a World Cup before the final, this one being the third time of asking. You would not bet on it being the first, with France, 2-0 victors over Morocco on Thursday and moving onto the semis, allowing all of one shot on goal even as the Atlas Lions' defense gave them a stern test.

"We know there's only one way to relax," Mbappé said, speaking to French broadcaster M6. "And that's to win.

"We're in the semifinals, we're very happy, but there's still a long way to go. We know what lies ahead is even tougher than what we've already been through, but we're ready to face anything."

There is something about Mbappé — boyish in 2018, all grown up in 2022 — seeming to reach his final form this summer. He's 27, at the peak of his powers, and has shown it at nearly every opportunity.

For all of five minutes Thursday, when France coach Didier Deschamps told M6 following the game that Mbappé had an ankle issue, leading to his exit after 78 minutes for Jean-Philippe Mateta, there was a glimmer of worry. The man himself shut it down shortly thereafter.

"I'm fine," he said. "I took a knock to my ankle but I'm OK."

Cue the quiet groans from Spain and Belgium.

Until Mbappé's curler in the 60th minute Thursday, it really did seem like this might not be his day. His penalty attempt in the first half was saved with some ease by Yassine Bounou, a three-minute wait for VAR to confirm the foul while he stood over the ball evidently affecting him.

France probed against Morocco's low block. It found little. It didn't matter. Mbappé is that good, that skilled, that able to create brilliance from nothing. It is why — or at least, it is one of many reasons why — no opponent has yet looked on their level at this World Cup.

"There are no dictators thinking about themselves," Deschamps said. "Kylian is a captain. He's great whether he's on or off the pitch. He's a role model."

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Knicks bring back veteran Clarkson on one-year deal

CLARK' SPENT: The Knicks gave swingman Jordan Clarkson a one-year, $3.9 million deal to return. The veteran provided strong work off the bench and leadership in the locker room for the championship team.

By JARED SCHWARTZ

The Knicks roster is nearly complete.

Another important contributor to the Knicks' championship run is back. Jordan Clarkson is re-signing with the team, The Post's Stefan Bondy reported, on a one-year deal worth $3.9 million.

Because it is a veteran minimum deal, Clarkson gets the full negotiated salary, but it only counts for roughly $2.5 million against the salary cap for second apron purposes. The move leaves them $3.3 million under the second apron, according to ESPN's Bobby Marks, with just one spot left to fill. At the start of the offseason, owner James Dolan stated that he intends to stay under that threshold, and the Knicks have acted accordingly.

The Knicks now have 13 players on the roster, one short of the mandated 14 standard contracts. Teams can temporarily dip down to 13, though it is complicated.

The move means just one main rotation player — Mitchell Robinson — from last season's team is gone. Ariel Hukporti also departed, though he hardly played. The Knicks managed to bring back Landry Shamet, Jose Alvarado, Mohamed Diawara and Clarkson, and replace Robinson with free agent veteran Andre Drummond, most recently with the 76ers, for a total cost of just $17.5 million against the cap.

Clarkson joined the Knicks last year and, after an up-and-down regular season, emerged as a valuable bench piece by the postseason — he averaged 10.8 minutes per game in the playoffs.

A shot-happy scorer and offensive-minded player most of his career, he reinvented himself with the Knicks after falling out of the rotation midseason. He became a strong on-ball defender and rebounder, qualities that helped him make an impact off the bench and regain a place in coach Mike Brown's rotation.

And at 34 years old and having played 12 years in the league, he was an important leader and voice in the locker room.

"You can have leadership in a lot of different ways," Brown said at the end of the year. "As of late, the reality of it is, a guy like Jordan Clarkson is starting to separate himself and showing that he's one of the leaders of the team. Just because you start, just because you score a ton or shoot a ton, or you're one of the best defenders, that doesn't necessarily mean that you're a leader. Because one of the things is, leaders aren't afraid to tell the truth. They do what they say. Being a leader means you gotta be on point all the time. You can't be worried about whether your teammate likes you at the time because you're saying something that's truthful or you're holding people accountable or not.

"So when you look at a guy like Jordan, who's been through a lot, who's still stayed ready, even when he was out, for him and listening to him speak up in front of the group now, that's starting to show real leadership."

For that 14th roster spot, the only remaining hole is a third center to replace Hukporti behind Karl-Anthony Towns and Drummond. The Knicks will have to continue to shop for free agents who would sign a veteran minimum in order to fully complete their goal of staying under the second apron.

➤ Second-round pick Jack Kayil was added to the team's Summer League roster. He was not originally included on the roster but will join the team in Las Vegas. A 20-year-old guard from Germany, the Knicks drafted him with the No. 39 pick last month.

The Knicks are set to open their Summer League slate Friday against the Nets.

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Kawhi trade to Raptors on hold pending cap probe

By RYAN ANDERSON

Kawhi Leonard's trade back to Toronto is no longer just a basketball transaction.

It is now tied directly to the NBA's ongoing investigation into the Clippers, Steve Ballmer, Aspiration and allegations of salary-cap circumvention that have hovered over the franchise for nearly a year.

The Clippers issued a lengthy statement after ESPN's Shams Charania reported that Leonard's planned trade to the Raptors has been delayed.

According to the Clippers, the deal was agreed to in principle on June 30 but cannot be finalized unless Toronto's ownership group assumes the risk of any potential penalties connected to Leonard's contract that could emerge from the NBA investigation.

At this time, Toronto is not willing to do that.

The Raptors wrote that the league office informed them that, because of the ongoing investigation involving the Clippers, they would assume the risk of any potential outcome affecting Leonard. As a result, Toronto said it will wait until the investigation is completed before moving forward.

"The Raptors remain eager to bring Kawhi back to Toronto and look forward to a swift resolution for our players, our organization and our fans," the team said.

That leaves Leonard in limbo, the Clippers' blockbuster exit plan unfinished and the Raptors' reunion with the 2019 Finals MVP on hold.

The Clippers, meanwhile, continue to strongly deny wrongdoing.

"For the past 10 months, our organization has fully cooperated with an NBA investigation," the team said, noting that it has participated in dozens of interviews, provided tens of thousands of documents and allowed access to staff.

The organization also denied the central accusation in the case.

"We did not funnel money to Kawhi Leonard through Aspiration," the Clippers said.

Players are allowed to have outside endorsement deals. The question is whether the Clippers or Ballmer were involved in arranging a side deal that functioned as additional compensation to Leonard outside the salary cap. If the NBA determines that happened, it could classify the arrangement as cap circumvention, one of the league's most serious violations.

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The proposed trade would send Leonard back to Toronto, where he remains a franchise legend, while the Clippers would receive Brandon Ingram, Gradey Dick, multiple first-round picks, a pick swap and second-round compensation.

But for now, the trade is frozen. The Clippers say they expect it to be finalized once the investigation concludes. The Raptors say they still want Leonard back. The NBA has not announced its findings.

Rookie fits the Bil'

Nets 2nd-rounder must learn to do more than just shoot

By BRIAN LEWIS

LAS VEGAS — Tyler Bilodeau may be a one-trick pony, but that trick is the most important in basketball: shooting.

Proving he can do anything else will be the key to the Nets rookie sticking around in the NBA.

Learn Brooklyn's system. Defend, at least as well as his physical limitations allow. Find other ways to contribute when the shot doesn't fall.

That's what Bilodeau has to show Nets summer league coach Dutch Gaitley. Manage any of those and the second-round pick could beat the odds.

"I'd say locking into our schemes [is the task]. We're a big cutting team offensively, and figuring out when and where he has to cut," Gaitley told The Post. "He had the correct cut towards the end of the last game — Ben [Saraf] hit him in the corner for a 3. Then the next play, he cuts when it's supposed to be someone else's responsibility, and we're not able to get the shot. So figuring out when and where to cut offensively. When the shot isn't falling, how is he able to impact the game?

"Physicality: hitting the glass, honing into our offensive staples. Then defensively, challenging himself to step outside. He played a lot in the paint defensively [at UCLA]. Now, if he's going to have success in the NBA, he's got to be on the perimeter. I don't know if we're going to challenge him, 'Hey, go guard the point guard,' but we switch a lot. How can I switch, contain my man, but if I'm going to get beat I'm going to dictate where he's going instead of playing on my heels."

Bilodeau's lack of athleticism or foot speed saw him projected to go undrafted in most mocks, or at the tail end of the second round. Brooklyn took a shot on him at No. 43 because he can, well, shoot.

The forward's white-hot 46.4 percent from deep as a UCLA senior topped this entire draft class, and he placed fifth in the shooting competition at the draft combine. That, along with his size — 6-foot-7 ¼, 228 pounds — convinced the Nets to take a flier despite his defensive shortcomings.

Tyler
Bilodeau

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"Yeah, you don't find dudes at 6-9, 6-8, they could shoot it like that. You don't. Those are rare. And he's very versatile on both ends of the floor," Mikel Brown Jr. told The Post. "[He's] definitely one of those guys that once he sees one or two go through the basket, let's try to find him. Because once he's hot, he's hot."

Like the Nets' 100-79 rout of Golden State to close out the California Classic, when Bilodeau had 18 points and five boards, going 6-for-9 from deep with a hair-trigger release that Clint Eastwood would've been proud of.

Or Egor Dëmin.

"It's very encouraging. He's a very big target, first of all; that's his main advantage. His shot is very quick. That's something I noticed. ... That's one of the main emphases for me when I'm working out my shot, was how fast can I shoot in a non-game situation to translate it better. His shot, it's incredible," Dëmin told The Post. "It's going to be great for him to make this transition, and benefit the team with his shot. It's obviously amazing."

But Bilodeau has to improve defensively. He's too small for centers, so he will have to guard both forward spots. Even if he can't stop foes, can he at least slow them? Or steer them?

"He's going to guard 4s or 3s, but we switch so much, eventually teams will [say], 'Hey, let's test this guy's footwork,' " Gaitley told The Post. "Can he guard? Switch on the ball and hold his own?

"Then the next level is hold his own, but also be able to dictate to them, 'Hey, I may be fearful I'm going to get beat, but if I get beat, I'm going to get beat in this direction because I know my help is going to be there.' Know right-hand, left-hand dominant, our help is baseline or help's middle. If he can lock into those things, he'll be able to be successful."

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Randle is BK's route to respectability

By BRIAN LEWIS

LAS VEGAS — Despite Brooklyn's trade for Julius Randle being able to be completed Thursday, the Nets were still waiting for the deal to become official.

Once it does, once they finally have the 31-year-old Randle in house, what exactly will Brooklyn be getting?

First and foremost, a floor-raiser. After two years of brazen tanking and coming off a 20-62 record, Randle, 31, is a four-time All-Star who should help the Nets, if not become a playoff team, at least stop being a pitiful one.

Though Randle's postseason struggles are well-documented, that's a luxury issue for a rebuilding Nets team. His status as the offensive alpha should help the youngsters as much with his underrated passing as his scoring.

"Obviously, being around veterans like Michael Porter Jr. that's proven in this league, and Julius Randle is proven in this league, it's going to also help as well because I get to learn from them as well," said Mikel Brown Jr. — who, along with backcourt mate Egor Dëmin, will benefit from Randle's gravity.

Dëmin set NBA rookie 3-point shooting records despite just 34.5 percent of his 3s last season being "wide open" (more than 6 feet of space from the nearest defender). That should change this season with Randle drawing attention.

"Having players like Randle and MPJ, who is going to shoot the lights off and their gravity [is going to help]," Dëmin told The Post. "And [Brown and I] can have gravity, too. So I think that's going to work out very well for everybody."

As a Knick from 2019-24, Randle helped the team rise from terrible to competitive. He could serve a similar role on the other side of the East River, depending on how long he sticks around Brooklyn or whether he's flipped in a trade down the road.

One of the league's more reliable scorers — at least in the regular season — Randle has averaged 22.1 points, 8.8 rebounds and five assists over the past six years.

But despite a bull-in-the-china shop post game, Randle fits a Jordi Fernández offense indexing on passing.

Nikola Jokic and Alperen Sengun were the only players with center eligibility on the league website who had more assists this past season. Randle's 4.98 average since 2020 would rank sixth among all players listed as 6-foot-8 per Elias — behind Jokic, LeBron James, Domantas Sabonis, Giannis Antetokounmpo and Kevin Durant.

"I watched a lot of Julius Randle film throughout my senior season," said rookie Joshua Jefferson, part of the soon-to-be-completed Randle trade. "It helped me a lot seeing his mid-post, post-up work is a work of art. I'm just going to use him as a resource to improve my game and then just get a lot of assists off of him."

➤ Brown and Danny Wolf practiced Wednesday and are expected to play Friday vs. the Knicks.

Jason Szenes

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OUCH: It turns out Christian Pulisic suffered a serious leg injury against Belgium.

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Pulisic KO'd by microfracture

By ETHAN SEARS

USNMT NOTES

The white-hot criticism of Christian Pulisic since the United States' elimination from the World Cup may need to take a beat.

Pulisic was diagnosed with a microfracture and bone bruise of the tibia and fibula in his right leg suffered during the Round of 16 loss to Belgium on Monday, U.S. Soccer announced, saying that it will collaborate with AC Milan on a recovery plan. It is understood that Pulisic had an X-ray and MRI exam Tuesday morning to determine the diagnosis, and reporting from The Athletic indicates he would have missed the rest of the tournament had the U.S. advanced.

"I just totally twisted my ankle and my knee in one play," Pulisic said after the loss.

He went down for an extended period after kicking the leg of Youri Tielemans on an attempted shot, then came off in the 59th minute for Sebastian Berhalter.

That, in combination with postgame comments to Fox's Jenny Taft saying he can now get a rest, have led to a pile-on of criticism for the USMNT's most famous face.

Landon Donovan and Tim Howard both took him to task on their podcast this week.

"People are fed up with the way things are handled around him," Donovan said. "And it's not necessarily him, but it's his agent, his family, his hangers-on, the people who are influencing. People are fed up with it. … They treat people poorly."

"I think he's a nice footballer," Howard said. "I still think he's the best player on the team. Outside of that, you'd have to ask me very specific questions to which I could give very direct answers."

"You rest when your playing career is over," USWNT legend and Fox commentator Carli Lloyd tweeted. "Period."

Pulisic, who suffered a left calf injury earlier in the World Cup and missed the Australia match, had an incredibly disappointing competition. Outside of the first 45 minutes against Paraguay, after which he left the game injured, he never was able to impose himself, and for the last two days, a narrative has festered that he begged out of the match against Belgium.

The injury news, at least, means that narrative is not true. Pulisic, however, will still need to grapple with the massive hit to his reputation.

"I thought my level was high," Pulisic said after the game, asked to assess his performance this summer. "Yeah, it's disappointing. I didn't quite have the moments I was hoping to, to try to help us to really push and get over this next step, beating a really good team. So I'm disappointed. For myself, of course, but I'm gonna try to stay positive. I did a lot of good things and the team did as well. I think it is going to take time to get over that hump. I'm not in a good place to answer it right now."

➤ The USSF announced the hire of **Steve Cherundolo** to coach its under-23 outfit that will compete at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

Cherundolo, a USMNT legend with 87 career caps with a successful coaching career at LAFC from 2022-25, was believed to be a potential candidate for the senior national team if **Mauricio Pochettino** — whose status has yet to be determined — were to leave.

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SEE YOU IN FOUR YEARS: Folarin Balogun (from left), Alex Freeman, Johnny Cardoso, Tanner Tessmann and Malik Tillman could be key contributors for the U.S. at the 2030 World Cup.

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2030 VISION

Breaking down what the U.S. roster could look like at next World Cup

By MICHAEL DUARTE

The United States' 4-1 loss to Belgium in the Round of 16 didn't just end their run in the 2026 World Cup. It slammed shut a chapter in U.S. Soccer's history while simultaneously cracking open another.

Four years ago in Qatar, the U.S. was the youngest team in the tournament. In 2026, the "Golden Generation" was in their prime. Four years from now, they will be in their early 30s, and won't have the luxury of an automatic qualification.

The road to the 2030 World Cup, which will be spread out across Morocco, Portugal and Spain, begins now.

The first question for the USMNT is will Mauricio Pochettino remain in charge or will a new head coach take the reins? That decision will largely dictate what the roster will look like in four years. One thing is certain though, the team that takes the field in 2030 will be a different one with some combination of holdovers from 2026 and several new players mixed in. Others have likely worn the U.S. crest on the World Cup stage for the final time.

The U.S.'s run in this World Cup exposed weaknesses, but also highlighted a youthful core still entering its prime. Here's an early projection of where the roster stands heading toward 2030 (their age in four years at the 2030 World Cup in parentheses).

Holdovers

GK Chris Brady (26)
D Alex Freeman (25)
D Chris Richards (30)
D Mark McKenzie (31)
D Max Arfsten (29)
D Antonee Robinson (32)
D Joe Scally (27)
MF Malik Tillman (28)
MF Weston McKennie (31)
MF Tyler Adams (31)
MF Sebastian Berhalter (28)
MF Sergiño Dest (29)
F Folarin Balogun (29)
F Ricardo Pepi (27)
F Christian Pulisic (31)
F Gio Reyna (27)

Matt Freese's difficult night against Belgium may have spelled his doom on the USMNT. He's likely in the "maybe" category when it comes to holdovers, as are Dest and Reyna. However with a plethora of young goalkeepers waiting in the wings, we don't expect to see Freese or Matt Turner on the roster in four years.

Freeman looks destined to become the leader of the next American back line, while Richards' experience will remain invaluable. Captain Tim Ream will be 42 and will likely retire by 2030. Many others on this roster, such as Cristian Roldan, Auston Trusty, Miles Robinson, Haji Wright, Alejandro Zendejas and Tim Weah, barely saw the field. While they may still have an international career ahead of them, we don't see them making the 2030 squad.

Even after a disappointing tournament, it's difficult to envision a U.S. attack without Pulisic. Balogun and Pepi should still headline the striker pool.

Just missed the cut

D Noahkai Banks (23)
D Frankie Westfield (24)
MF Tanner Tessmann (28)
MF Diego Luna (25)
MF Johnny Cardoso (28)
MF Aidan Morris (28)
F Patrick Agyemang (29)
F Damion Downs (26)

All of these players were in consideration to make this 2026 World Cup squad but just missed the cut. In the case of Cardoso, ankle surgery was the only reason he was not on this team. Luna and Tessman were likely the final two cuts. All of them will be under 30 in four years and entering their primes. If they can continue on this trajectory, there's no reason to think most of them can't make the 2030 roster.

The next wave

GK Julian Eyestone (22)
GK Diego Kochen (24)
GK Andrew Rick (24)
GK Gaga Slonina (26)
D Peyton Miller (22)
D Caleb Wiley (25)
D Neil Pierre (22)
D Luca Bombino (23)
D Josh Wynder (25)
MF Adri Mehmeti (22)
MF Zavier Gozo (21)
MF Benjamin Cremaschi (25)
MF Cavan Sullivan (20)
MF Gianluca Busio (28)
MF Rokas Pukstas (25)
MF Jack McGlynn (27)
F Julian Hall (22)
F Malik Jakupovic (22)
F Cole Campbell (24)
F Mathis Albert (21)

These are the guys who got next. Intriguing, young and talented players who could fight for roster spots in four years. Obviously, a lot depends on their development, playing time and club careers, but we promise you these are names to remember. The 2028 Los Angeles Olympics will feature a lot of these players on newly appointed manager Steve Cherundolo's U-23 team. That tournament will likely be a launching pad for many of these names.

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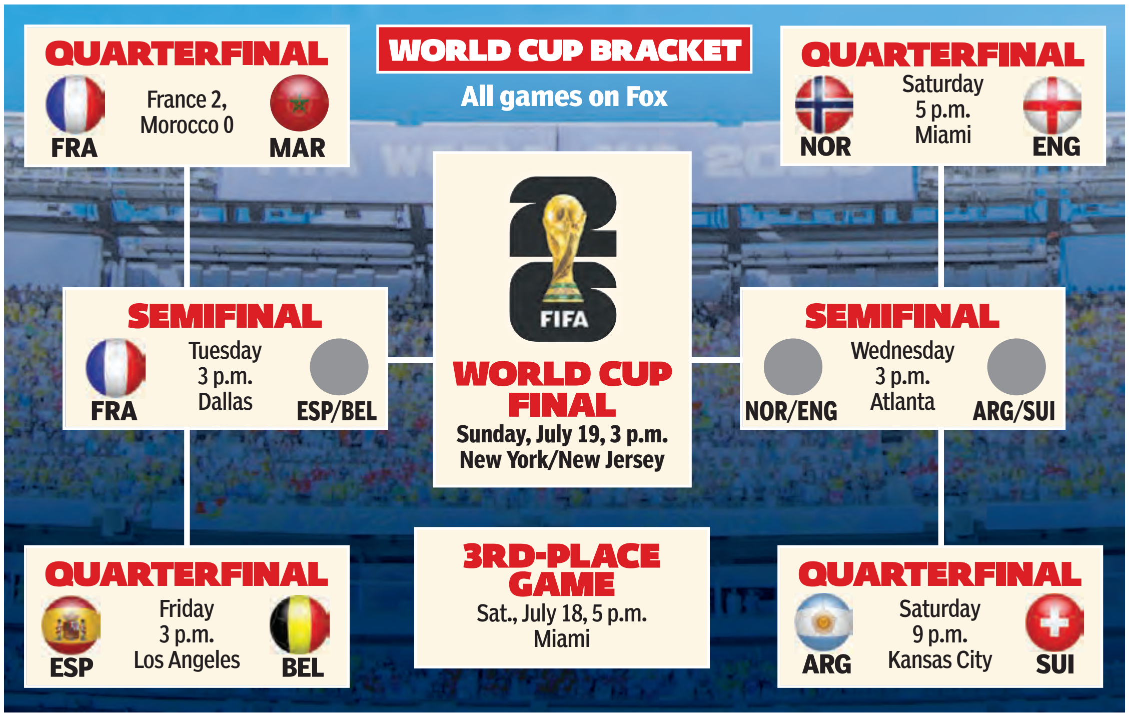

Mbappé, France on to semifinals

By ETHAN SEARS

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — France withstood its toughest test yet — and now marches into the World Cup semifinals with the chance to do something unprecedented in the modern era.

On an afternoon when Kylian Mbappé had looked so vexed at the puzzle presented to him by Morocco's low block, missing a penalty early and struggling to find any space in open play, he finally broke through in the second half, and the French followed right behind.

It was an almost nothing play, the sort from which only a player like Mbappé can create a moment of magic. He was almost stationary atop the box as the ball volleyballed its way to him. He struck it with his right foot, curling the ball around Issa Diop, around Yassine Bounou and in so doing, solved the Gordian Knot of Morocco by slicing through it.

The opener, 60 minutes into the eventual 2-0 French victory, seemed in the moment to be decisive because Morocco had shown so little attacking prowess to that point.

"We had little to fear from this team," midfielder Adrien Rabiot told beIN Sports France.

Good as the Atlas Lions were in defense, Rabiot was right. As soon as Morocco was forced to open the game up, Ousmane Dembélé had added a second goal for France, ending a slaloming run towards goal with an exquisite finish. There was no coming back from there for Morocco, and France is now onto a Bastille Day semifinal Tuesday against either Belgium or Spain.

"There were not doubts in the players' head or in Kylian's head," France manager Didier Deschamps said. "When it comes to the opponent, they had to run. They were tired. They opened up the spaces. We only gave them a few chances, and we created opportunities for us."

BREAKING THROUGH: Kylian Mbappé celebrates his goal in the 60th minute to break the ice for France in a 2-0 win over Morocco. Imagn Images

Without star striker Ismael Saibari, and against a France side with more offensive talent than it knows what to do with, Moroccan coach Mohamed Ouahbi chose to sit back in a low block and absorb pressure. It's the sort of plan often adopted by the underdog, and though it did the trick for a while, Deschamps openly wondered about a tactical setup that left his opponent without any real ability to attack.

Indeed, Azzedine Ounahi's shot in the 83rd minute was the first and only time all afternoon that French keeper Mike Maignan was forced into action. Les Bleus have yet to allow a goal through 180 minutes of knockout football.

"They are very collected on the pitch. They don't get worked up," Ouahbi would say of his opposition. "They encourage one another. They want to go all the way to the final and win this trophy. They have all the qualities."

With another win, France can become the first nation to make three consecutive World Cup finals since Brazil did so from 1994-2002. West Germany (1982-90) is the only other country to do so.

Even the greats of those teams — even the greats of the Brazilian teams in the 1950s, '60s and '70s — don't look like such giants next to Mbappé. He's on 20 goals in 20 career World Cup games, eight of them in six games this year to tie Lionel Messi for the Golden Boot lead, and at 27 years old, he still seems to have so much runway left.

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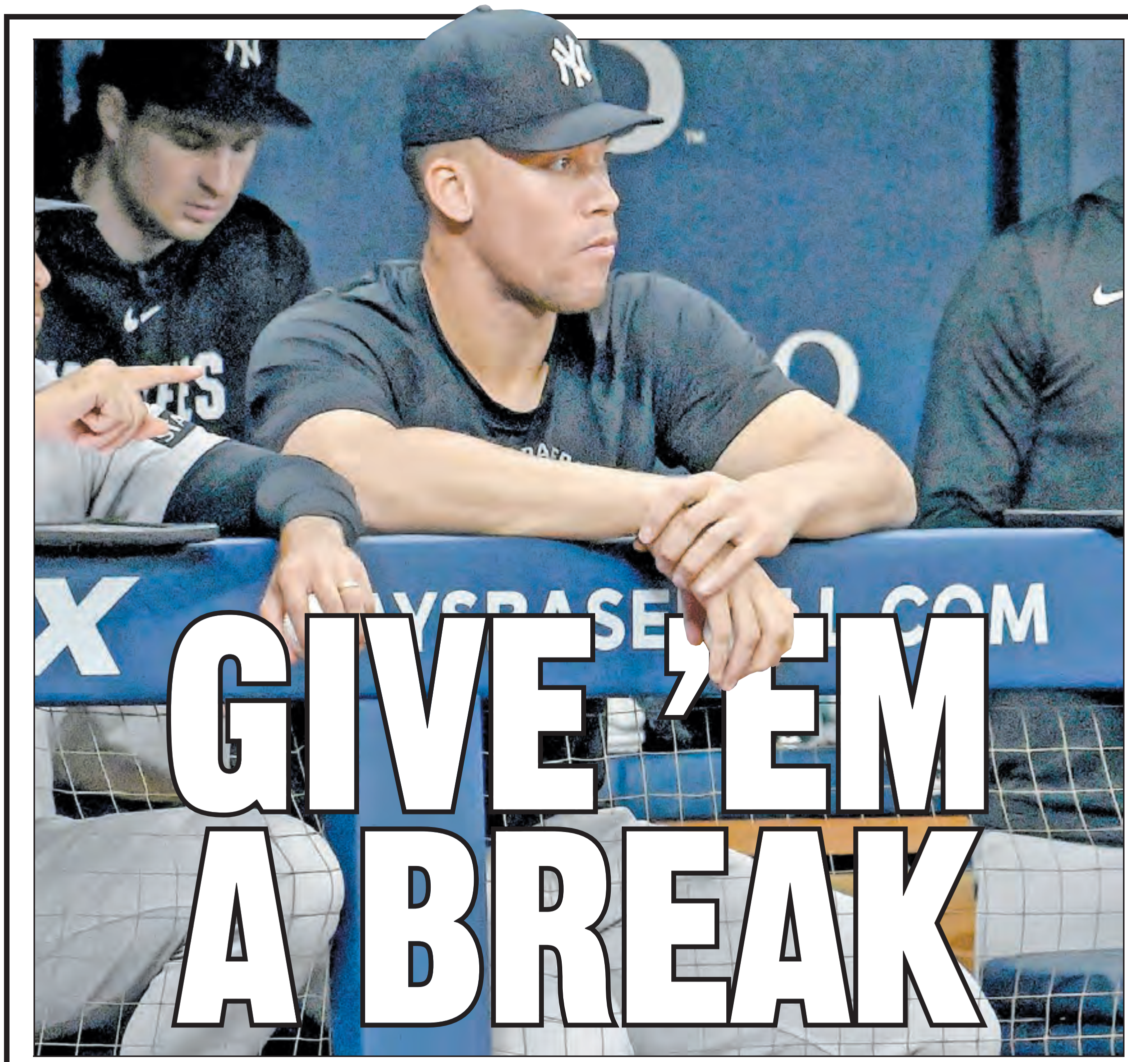

GIVE ’EM A BREAK

CHECKING IN: Aaron Judge is slated for reimaging on the stress fracture of his injured right rib during the All-Star break, though even a favorable result is no indication of an imminent return to the lineup. AP

Bombers hopeful imaging next week gives Judge go-ahead to add activities

By GREG JOYCE

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Reimaging for Aaron Judge finally is on the horizon, though it comes with some caution.

The Yankees captain is set to undergo a round of imaging during the All-Star break next week, general manager Brian Cashman said Thursday, to determine if there has been enough healing in his right rib stress fracture to clear him to begin working toward a return to play.

Cashman indicated that the Yankees do not expect the injury to be fully healed — Judge will be about six weeks out from the initial diagnosis — but that if there is enough improvement, the back-to-back American League MVP could at least start adding more activity to his workload after mostly being shut down since the end of May.

Even if that is the case, Judge would then need weeks to ramp up before he could rejoin the Yankees, with a return in mid-August looking like the best-case scenario at this rate.

“I think we’re anticipating and hopeful that it’s showing the healing process,” Cashman said. “The time frame, regardless of what the findings are going to show, is going to be coming from our medical team. I haven’t even bothered to ask that question because his current condition restricts him in a lot of different ways. He can’t do a lot of things in the upper body that puts any stress on his rib cage.”

The Yankees will be cautious with Judge, not pushing him to come back too soon — even as the team has flopped without him — because of the fear of reinjury, which, if it happened, could risk his ability to play again this season.

“He should be asymptomatic before we turn him loose,” Cashman said. “If he’s asymptomatic and not feeling anything and they’re showing healing, it’s probably appropriate to get him going again. But we don’t want to — because the schedule is what it is — put him in the position where we’re putting him in jeopardy, where somehow it gets worse because the downside of that would be a real problem, in my opinion, from what I understand. So let it heal, give it the time to heal.

“The time frame that it would take to heal should allow him to be back with us this season, is everything I know thus far. Past that, just wait for the imaging to see where we’re at on that process.”

Cashman insisted that Judge’s injury — and what the imaging shows next week — would not affect the club’s trade deadline plans, as it wants to find a way to improve regardless.

But the Yankees have sorely missed Judge. They withstood his absence well for the first few weeks of June before falling into a 5-15 spiral that they brought into Thursday’s series finale against the Rays, with their AL East deficit growing.

“Clearly, you miss him,” Cashman said. “That’s certainly part of it. But no, that’s not an answer to why we’re struggling with some consistently really good players that are going into collective slumps at the same time. That has nothing to do with Aaron Judge.”

New calf injury the cause of extended Stanton absence

By GREG JOYCE

YANKEES NOTES

GIANCARLO STANTON
Dealing with a new right calf strain, according to GM Brian Cashman.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — It turns out that Giancarlo Stanton’s setback last month was more complicated than just a reinjury of his right calf strain.

General manager Brian Cashman revealed Thursday that Stanton “had a whole new injury ... not a setback from the prior injury,” after the Yankees veteran DH had been on the verge of returning from the initial injury he sustained in late April.

The new injury, suffered while running the bases in mid-June, is still a right calf strain, but in a slightly different area, Cashman said, which is why his progress has been slow.

“It kind of resets the whole thing,” Cashman said before a 12-4 win over the Rays. “So he’s finally been cleared to start some running. He’s gotten PRP injections along the way but, ultimately, it was an unfortunate circumstance. Certainly, we’d love to have him in that lineup and being the weapon that he is. But we have to let it heal. We have to give it the time it takes, and unfortunately, it takes time.”

How long that will take remains to be seen, though it seems unlikely at this point that Stanton will be available to the Yankees before August.

The 36-year-old’s extended absence has especially hurt since Aaron Judge went down at the end of May with a right rib stress fracture, which he will finally have re-imaged during the All-Star break next week. The offense is in the midst of a brutal stretch without the two sluggers, and it is still going to be weeks before either has a chance of returning.

➤ Multiple sprained fingers have cost **George Lombard Jr.** time at Triple-A, but he is on the precipice of rehab games and may not be far off from The Bronx at some point after he proves he is healthy.

The club’s top prospect has resumed hitting, in addition to field work, putting him in position to go on a minor league rehab assignment “somewhere around this All-Star break,” Cashman said Thursday.

And once he returns to Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, if he picks up where he left off before the injury, he has a chance to force his way to the Yankees. That would depend on what their shortstop situation looks like with José Caballero and Anthony Volpe.

“Looking forward to getting him back and active and he might be a choice at some point,” Cashman said. “More importantly, we just got to get him playing again and turning him loose again in Triple-A. Really talented player that offensively was coming a long way of closing the gap despite his age. Defensively, he’s plug-and-play, ready to go.”

The 21-year-old Lombard, after an early season promotion from Double-A, was hitting .231 with a .765 OPS and eight steals in 42 games at Triple-A before getting hurt June 16. But he had been heating up prior to the injury — “thriving and conquering the final level,” as Cashman put it — hitting .306 with a .998 OPS in 14 June games.

“He’d been pushing himself before the injury,” Cashman said.

➤ **Carlos Rodón** played catch on flat ground Thursday for the first time since landing on the injured list last week with left elbow inflammation.

➤ Cashman said he did not think that **Carlos Lagrange**’s transition from starting to relieving — in hopes of impacting the big league club in the second half — led to the top prospect sustaining a capsular sprain of the right shoulder, which may cost him the rest of the season.

“I really don’t,” Cashman said. “I feel like the transition was really conservative. You’ll see starters come up and just collapse in the pen like that; there’s no de-load and no transition. This was a very slow, methodical process. ... I don’t think this had any contribution to that. He probably was feeling stuff that he didn’t really tell us about, which is not abnormal. He might have been dealing with this for a little while prior.”

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Block busted

Sell-off needed, but Mets have few truly tradeable parts — and Lindor not going anywhere

THE METS need to have a big sale considering their disastrous season. But contrary to some claims, there's no indication it's going to include superstar shortstop Francisco Lindor, who has veto power over trades via 10-5 rights and "isn't going anywhere," according to a friend.

With full veto power, it's up to him. Lindor previously had limited veto rights in his $341 million contract, but he earned a complete veto when he finished his fifth season in Queens.

Beyond that, Mets owner Steve Cohen showed no interest in trading him when quizzed about it on "The Show," saying about Lindor and Juan Soto (who also has a full no-trade), "I don't see them going anywhere … I'm lucky enough to have two high-quality players like that."

It's also hard to imagine anyone giving anything great up for a slow-starting 32-year-old coming off two injuries with $174 million (as of today) to go through 2031. That's especially true with an unresolved CBA situation.

The Braves and Yankees, two teams with unsettled/iffy SS situations, have bigger priorities. And it's impossible to see the Mets sending Lindor crosstown, anyway. Rival executives say deals involving stars with huge contracts are complicated, painstaking negotiations much better left to the offseason — and again, that's if the Mets and Lindor have any interest in separating.

Here are the more realistic trade possibilities. Overall, it's an OK list but far from spectacular (with trade values included).

1. Luke Weaver, RP: He hasn't given up an earned run since April and he just might be the top reliever in a weak market (depending if Aroldis Chapman's available). The extra year at $11M is a plus, too. **Trade value (1-5 scale):** 3

2. Freddy Peralta, SP: Despite erratic performance, he'll be seen as a playoff starter for most contending teams. Someone will probably assume his off year is the Mets' fault. Oddly low $8M salary helps, too. **Trade value:** 3

3. Clay Holmes, SP: Rivals say he needs to get back on the mound, at least once and preferably twice, to demonstrate he's close to his brilliant start (2.39 ERA) and bring fair value. Proven New York performer could work for the Yankees, as could Weaver. **Trade value:** 3 (if he's recovered from his broken leg)

4. Francisco Alvarez, C: The talented hitter's value has fallen with reduced power, so-so defense and frequent injuries. Plus, big upside makes trading him a real trick. **Trade value:** 2

5. Brooks Raley, RP: Dependable lefty is a free agent so he'll go. But rental relievers don't bring hauls. **Trade value:** 2

6. Luis Torrens, C: Excellent defensive catcher would be nice fit for Yankees. **Trade value:** 2

7. Huascar Brazobán, RP: He's having a career year at 36. Trade value: 2

8. Brett Baty, utility: This would be a sell-low considering power-free year. Constantly being moved around hasn't helped but maybe someone recalls he was a plus defender at 3B. **Trade value:** 2

9. A.J. Minter, RP: Veteran lefty's reduced velocity makes him less attractive than Raley despite pedigree. **Trade value:** 1

10. Mark Vientos, INF./DH: Broken hand suffered on a hit-by-pitch Thursday might remove him from talks altogether. Another sell-very-low candidate who's better than his numbers but likely seen as a DH only (once he returns following some unfortunate IL time). **Trade value:** ½

11. Sean Manaea, SP: He's regaining some semblance of form, but they'd likely have to pay virtually his entire $25M salary to get anything back. **Trade value:** ½

12. Kodai Senga, SP: The Mets shouldn't have declined to significantly offset his $14M salary in winter. While he flashes 99, he's incredibly inconsistent. **Trade value:** 0

Francisco Lindor
Luke Weaver
Brooks Raley
Robert Sabo (2); Getty Images

Torrens would be useful in Bronx

METS backup catcher **Luis Torrens** would be a nice fit for the Yankees, who seek catching help.

Ryan Jeffers, a big hitter (.949 OPS) about to return from a hamate injury, makes sense, but the Twins are contending in an ultra-weak AL.

Torrens, a former Yankee farmhand who's very strong defensively, makes a fair $4.75M a year through next season and is also a righty hitter (preferred for the Yankees).

The Mets originally acquired Torrens for $100,000 from the Yankees back when the Bombers were flush with catchers.

The Yankees will consider adding starting pitchers as well as relievers and catcher now that **Carlos Rodón** joined **Max Fried** and **Clarke Schmidt** on the shelf.

The Yankees have a decent or better prospect stash. But a couple of things that hurt are **Carlos Lagrange** being out and **Jasson Domínguez**'s falling value. Two years ago, he was untouchable in **Juan Soto** trade talk. …

Anthony Volpe denied reports he declined to play second base in the minors. But the Yankees should have at least asked while he was down since **José Caballero** should be the starter at shortstop (and **Jazz Chisholm Jr.** will be a free agent).

The Yankees could look at short, but it is not one of their top three priorities before the deadline.

The envelope please …

IT'S TIME to hand out some midseason awards.

NL MVP: Shohei Ohtani, Dodgers. Who else? In the human division, **Pete Crow-Armstrong** is doing it all (but not pitching). NL LVP (Least Valuable): **Kyle Tucker.** The Mets may have dodged a $60M-a-year bullet.

AL MVP: Yordan Alvarez, Astros. His torrid hitting has kept the Astros in contention in a weak AL. **Ben Rice** and **Nick Kurtz** are prototype lefty sluggers having nice years. AL LVP: **Cal Raleigh**. Seems jinxed since his weird encounters with teammates in the WBC.

NL Cy Young: Jacob Misiorowski, Brewers. The Miz is amazing. **Cristopher Sanchez, Chris Sale** and **Chase Burns** are excellent, too, in MLB's best race. NL Cy Old: **Kodai Senga**. He should be working it out in the minors.

AL Cy Young: Cam Schlittler, Yankees. Schlittler has the right attitude to dominate. AL Cy Old: **Tatsuya Imai.** He was part of a no-hitter for Houston but is taking awhile to adjust to the new environs.

AL Rookie of the Year: Kevin McGonigle, Tigers. McGonigle is worthy of his $150M deal. **Munetaka Murakami** was a sensation with the White Sox before going out with injury.

NL Rookie of the Year.: J.J. Wetherholt, Cardinals. He was an All-Star snub but gets the nod here in an interesting class. The impressive **A.J. Ewing** and **Carson Benge** still have outside shots.

AL Manager of the Year: Will Venable, White Sox. Some predicted the White Sox would lose 100.

NL Manager of the Year: Don Mattingly, Phillies. The Phillies were 19 over .500 for Mattingly entering Thursday after being 10 under before Mattingly. The Marlins' **Clayton McCullough** is close.

Sean records magnificent 7

By SPENCER BROD

Six hundred and thirty-nine days.

That's how long it had been since Sean Manaea last stayed in a game for seven innings.

He's gone six innings once and five several times since then, but hadn't reached the seventh-inning stretch since Oct. 8, 2024, in an NLDS win over the Phillies.

That changed Thursday.

Despite giving up a leadoff home run, Manaea went a season-high seven innings in the Mets' 7-3 win over the Royals, allowing three runs (two earned), walking just one and striking out six.

"He just wanted to be a horse out there," Mets manager Andy Green said. "Filled up the strike zone. Anybody that gives up a homer on the first pitch and just goes back in there all day, you love that.

"I thought he was fantastic. It was huge for us. We've run through a ton of bullpen pieces to get seven strong; couldn't ask for anything more."

Poor length out of starters has been an Achilles' heel for the Mets all season, and that hasn't changed recently.

Christian Scott went just four innings against the Braves on July 3. Freddy Peralta went just 4 2/3 three days later in Atlanta. Even in the Mets win over the Royals on Wednesday, Scott went just five.

Manaea didn't just break that trend. He made life 10 times easier for the bullpen. Between Huascar Brazobán and Devin Williams, Mets relievers tossed two scoreless innings to seal the win.

"We need length out of the rotation," Green said. "Outings like that set you up to win tomorrow's baseball game, and that's what we've been missing to some degree: having multiple outings like those in a week.

"That's huge for us going into tomorrow, to be able to rest the vast majority of our pen arms."

The 34-year-old allowed a homer to Lane Thomas on the game's first pitch, but settled in immediately after. Manaea retired the side in the second and third innings while inducing a Tyler Tolbert groundout — a rarity after he tied the MLB record Tuesday with 12 consecutive hits.

Manaea gave up a solo shot to Bobby Witt Jr. in the fourth but bounced back again by retiring the next five batters. The lefty then maneuvered his way out of trouble in the seventh — a single, error, double and walk yielding just a single Royals run to keep the Mets' lead intact, 6-3.

"It's the culmination of a lot of hard work and people believing in me, me believing in myself," Manaea said. "The whole squad coming together; it feels really cool to do something like that again."

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Imagn Images

Sean Manaea

BIG BANG! Juan Soto follows through on a home run swing in the seventh inning of a 7-3 win over the Royals on Thursday at Citi Field. Carson Benge got in on the action an inning earlier with an RBI single. He celebrated at third (far right) after an error and later scored that inning. Corey Sipkin (2)

ON DECK: vs. Red Sox

Friday, 7:17 p.m., Apple TV, WHSQ (880 AM)

RHP Freddy Peralta	TBA
2026 stats: 5-7, 4.68 ERA	**2026 stats:** —
Career vs. BOS: 0-1, 5.91 ERA	**Career vs. NYM:** —
Last start: Mon., at ATL; 4.2 IP, 6 H, 6 K	**Last start:** —

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PITCH BREAKDOWN

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UP NEXT

SATURDAY: vs. Red Sox, 4:10 p.m., SNY, WHSQ
RHP Nolan McLean vs. TBA

SUNDAY: vs. Red Sox, 1:40 p.m., PIX11, WHSQ
TBA vs. TBA

INJURY REPORT

■ **Jared Young**, who suffered a torn meniscus in his left knee in mid-April, felt for his knee after stumbling awkwardly to avoid a collision trying to beat out a hit. The first baseman said he was "more scared than anything" and reported no issues after the game.

CUPCAKE WAR

Amazin's thump sad Royals for first series win in a month

By DAN MARTIN

If only the Mets could face a clueless team like the Royals more often.

If only they could get these kinds of results from the lineup more often.

If only starters like Sean Manaea could pitch deep into games like he did Thursday.

Maybe then it wouldn't have been nearly a month since the Mets previously won a series, before they did so again by beating the Royals 7-3 on Thursday.

But in a lost season, like the one the Mets are in the midst of, you take what you can get.

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ROYALS 3

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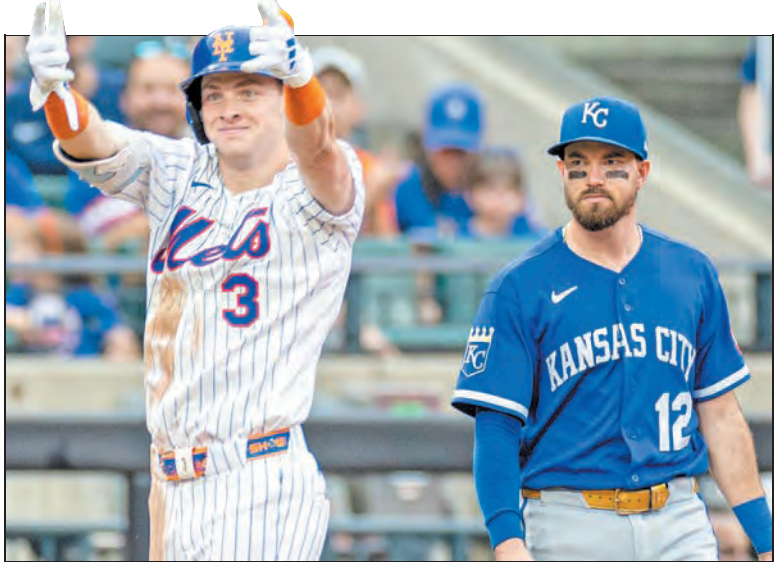
And against Kansas City, after they dropped as ugly a game as a team can draw up Tuesday, they won two in a row and have scored at least six runs for the fifth straight game for the first time this season.

The offense was backed up by seven strong innings from Manaea in his longest outing of the season.

"It's a good feeling," A.J. Ewing said of the series win. "Guys are fired up. We'll try to keep it going."

Manaea gave up three runs — two earned —in seven innings and pitched well despite giving up a home run to Lane Thomas on the first pitch of the game.



"We need length out of our rotation," interim manager Andy Green said. "We're desperate for that. Outings like that set you up to win tomorrow's baseball game, and that's what we've been missing to some degree: having multiple outings like those in a week."

Manaea, in his longest outing of the season, allowed a leadoff homer to Bobby Witt Jr. in the fourth, but the Mets came back with a five-run fifth to take command of the game.

Again, they got some help from the last-place Royals.

After Tyrone Taylor — in the game after Mark Vientos was removed with an injury from getting drilled in the right hand in the second inning — tied it with a leadoff homer in the fifth, the Mets rallied to take the lead.

Brett Baty followed with a single, and after Luis Torrens lined out, A.J. Ewing singled and Juan Soto walked to load the bases. Bo Bichette gave the Mets a 3-2 lead with a sacrifice fly.

Carson Benge, the recipient of a three-run Little League homer in Tuesday's loss, got another gift. He flared a single to center to score Ewing easily, but Thomas' throw from center to third base got away from Nick Loftin, which allowed Soto to score and let Benge get all the way to third.

Benge then came home on Francisco Alvarez's single to make it 6-2, which knocked ex-Met Michael Wacha out of the game

Soto's 21st homer of the season to open the bottom of the seventh extended the lead.

"It's good game planning," Jared Young said of what's helped spark the offense. "Everyone is believing in each other."

And for it to last, Young said the Mets have to "realize we're being productive and have to keep doing the same thing."

They'll head into their final series before the All-Star break having won four of five as the Red Sox come to town, looking to resuscitate their season.

"We're playing really good baseball," Manaea said. "You see it offensively, pitching, from top to bottom. It's fun to watch."

That's something that hasn't been said often about these Mets.

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Vientos to IL with fractured hand from HBP

By DAN MARTIN

METS NOTES

Mark Vientos' rough season took another hit Thursday when he suffered a fracture after being drilled in the right hand with a pitch in a 7-3 win over Kansas City.

Vientos started the game at third base and was hit by a Michael Wacha fastball in the second inning. He doubled over in pain and went to first base after being tended to by the training staff, but Vientos was removed after the inning. Interim manager Andy Green said following the game that Vientos is heading to the injured list with the fracture.

On the season, Vientos has 11 homers and an OPS of just .644. He's been limited mostly to action against left-handers.

With Vientos out, recently-demoted Ronny Mauricio could be called up from Triple-A Syracuse. But in Thursday's win, the Mets opted to go with A.J. Ewing at second for most of the rest of the game.

The Mets hope Ewing is the team's center fielder of the future but still like his flexibility. He made a diving stop at the position on Tyler Tolbert's infield single in the fifth.

"His defensive versatility really saved us," Green said of Ewing. "He was our safety net." Ewing has been able to do enough to impress Jared Young, who was at first base.

The experiment lasted six innings, as Francisco Lindor entered the game at shortstop in the ninth, with Ewing going back to center, Brett Baty back to second and Bo Bichette from shortstop to third base.

➤ Green said the team expects **Austin Warren** to begin throwing "in about five days or so" after the right-hander was placed on the IL with a right forearm strain. There had been concern he would need Tommy John surgery for a second time.

➤ **Dedniel Núñez**, now rehabbing from Tommy John surgery with Triple-A Syracuse, still needs some work before he's a consideration for the bullpen in the majors. He will have to work his way back to pitching on a consistent basis out of the pen. ... **Luis Robert Jr**. (lumbar spinal disc herniation) is continuing his minor league rehab stint with Double-A Binghamton. ... **Marcus Semien** (left hip flexor strain) is "cruising along" in his recovery, according to Green. The team should know the next steps to the second baseman's rehab in the next few days.

➤ Prior to Thursday's game, right-hander **Dan Hammer** was selected to the major league roster. Green said the 28-year-old, who split this season between Double-A Binghamton and Triple-A Syracuse, flashed potential during spring training. In a corresponding move, **Tobias Myers** was optioned to Syracuse, while OF **Jared Olivia** was designated for assignment.

BIG INNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE XMAS

Six-run third helps Yanks unwrap needed laugher

By GREG JOYCE

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RAYS	**4**

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The kind of inning that only existed in the Yankees' hopes and dreams over the past three weeks finally happened in the flesh Thursday afternoon.

That it came against one of the best pitchers in baseball who had shut them out in two starts earlier this season, well, "That's baseball, Suzyn," Aaron Boone said from his office as music blared in the winning clubhouse next door.

Whatever the Yankees offered up as a sacrifice during their hitters meeting Thursday morning, it worked, as their bats finally broke out of an extended slumber for a six-run third against Drew Rasmussen that fueled a 12-4 win over the Rays to salvage a series split at Tropicana Field.

The six runs the Yankees (51-42) scored in the third inning were more than they had scored in any full game since June 17, after which they began what was a 5-15 tailspin entering Thursday. But at least for a day they made good use of their bats to finish the four-game set on a high note and get back within four games of the Rays (54-37) for first place in the AL East.

"We needed a good one like that," said Ryan McMahon — who delivered a pair of RBI doubles, including one on the game-changing at-bat with a 12-pitch battle in the third inning. "We needed a good one like that where we stacked good at-bats, had good energy against a really good baseball team. That team over there, they're definitely a tough squad. To do it against them definitely feels good."

On a day that began with Brian Cashman acknowledging that "the storm is upon us right now," and giving votes of confidence to both Boone and hitting coach James Rowson, the Yankees snapped out of their offensive malaise with 14 hits while piecing together a bullpen game, as seven relievers did enough to get by.

Ben Rice clubbed a pair of home runs — giving him six in his past nine games and 28 on the year — and drove in five runs while Austin Wells added his first homer since May 22, finally showing signs of life in the midst of a brutal offensive season.

"The great thing about it was, it was everyone," Boone said. "When they would answer, I feel like we had an answer to come back, too, to add on and protect the lead. Really good day for us, obviously with what we've been through, and hopefully one that gets some guys settled and we can continue it on this weekend."

Max Schuemann, who went 2-for-4 and delivered a spark with a double that led off the decisive third inning, credited Jazz Chisholm Jr. for speaking up during the pregame hitters meeting and providing some energy that set the tone for the day.

"[The message was] just that we're obviously better than how we've been playing," Schuemann said. "Stacking good at-bats together and not folding. ... Feel like it really brought the guys together. I think it needed to be said."

Rasmussen, the Rays All-Star who had thrown 13 shutout innings against the Yankees this season before Thursday, retired the first six batters on 26 pitches before Schuemann led off the third inning with a double.

McMahon then entered a battle with Rasmussen, including fouling off seven pitches on the way to a full count before roping a double down the right field line to tie the game at 1-1.

"As you're fouling more pitches off, you're gaining more and more confidence," McMahon said.

Wells followed by flying out to move McMahon to third, but the next five Yankees all reached on hits to knock Rasmussen out of the game in improbable fashion. Trent Grisham doubled, Rice clubbed a two-run shot, Jasson Domínguez and the badly slumping Cody Bellinger hit back-to-back infield singles, and José Caballero added a single through the open right side on a hit-and-run for the 5-1 lead.

After Rasmussen hit the showers, Chisholm — the only starter without a hit, but who delivered some strong defense at second base — capped off the inning with a sacrifice fly to make it 6-1.

Of course, given how things have gone for the Yankees lately, it did not all come easy from there. But unlike most games over the past three weeks, any time the Rays answered, the Yankees did, too, to put together a feel-good win.

"It definitely boosts our morale heading into the next series," Rice said. "We just got to keep that momentum going, keep that energy going and hopefully we can continue what we need to do."

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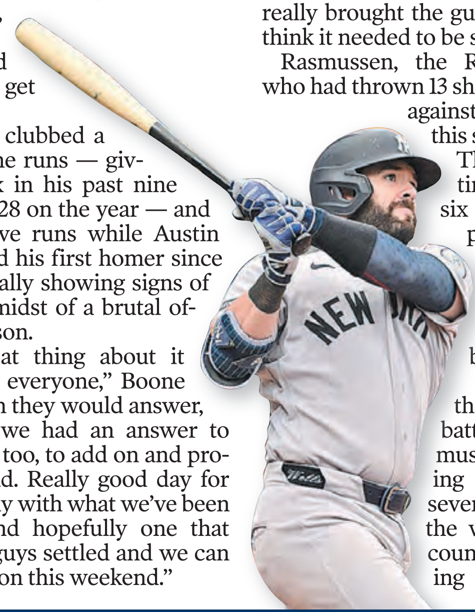

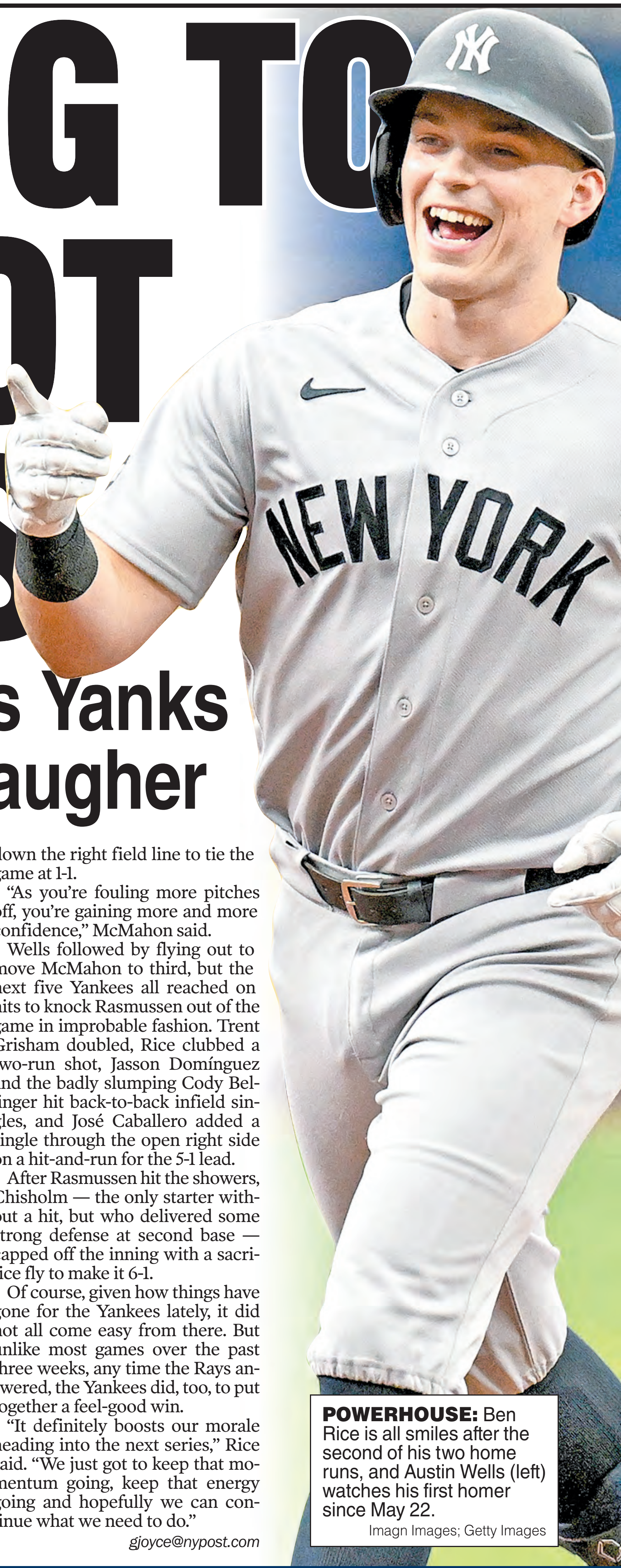

POWERHOUSE: Ben Rice is all smiles after the second of his two home runs, and Austin Wells (left) watches his first homer since May 22.

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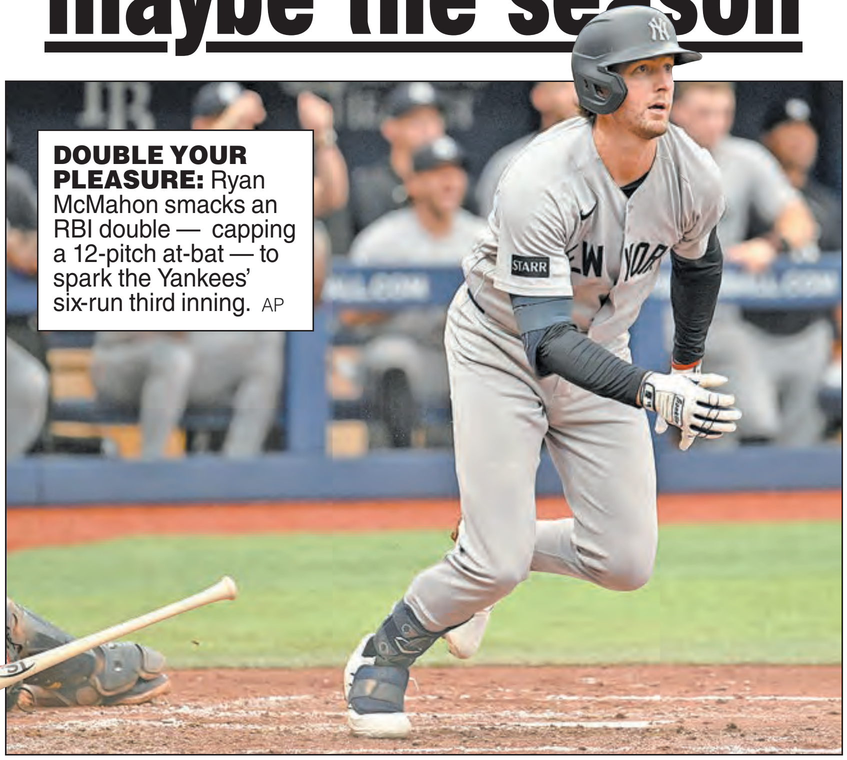
One grinding at-bat changed the game, maybe the season



DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE: Ryan McMahon smacks an RBI double — capping a 12-pitch at-bat — to spark the Yankees' six-run third inning. AP

Joel Sherman

BY THE end, Ben Rice had the kind of performance you put on your AL MVP résumé.

Austin Wells had his best at-bat in months — and there actually was a dispute about which one.

Angel Chivilli delivered the kind of overwhelming bullpen-saving effort — in a bullpen game — to perhaps improve his status within the relief realm.

But all of that occurred after Ryan McMahon authored arguably the most important at-bat of this Yankees season to date — when you put into context the count, the length, the outcome, who was starting for both teams, and just where his club was and what it was feeling with no out and one on in the second inning Thursday.

McMahon's RBI double at the conclusion of the longest plate appearance of his career — nine pitches after he fell behind 1-2 against Yankees killer Drew Rasmussen — tied the score 1-1. But it did far more than that. Max Schuemann had said before he led off that inning that McMahon had said to him, "Let's go double-double." They did. And what McMahon's two-base hit unleashed was an even more vital double-double.

It de-stressed a dugout that was feeling the weight of an atrocious three-week stretch, and it enabled a catatonic offense to ignite.

On the subject of doubles, Schuemann described the odyssey of McMahon's at-bat as, "He grinded, he grinded," and Rice that he was, "fighting, fighting." By the time the Yankees were done with that inning, Rasmussen was out of the game, they had six runs and were en route to what they needed so badly — not just a win, but a win over the Rays, and one that by the end was a 12-4 laugher in which the contributions were dispersed. Or what the Yankees are going to have to generate if they are going to more than survive while Aaron Judge continues to heal from a fractured rib.

All nine Yankees starters scored or drove in a run, eight had at least a hit and six had two hits. Within that, Rice homered twice (his 28 for the season are one off Yordan Alvarez's AL lead) and drove in five runs. Wells homered for the first time since May 22 but also did it on a 1-2 pitch from southpaw Cam Booser — Wells had been 1-for-35 this year against lefties when there were two strikes on him. Yet, both Aaron Boone and Schuemann cited Wells' seven-pitch walk against Casey Legumina leading off what would be a put-the-game-away, three-run sixth inning as his best effort because of how well he was tracking pitches.

In a game in which the Yankees went with an opener (Paul Blackburn), Chivilli's two perfect innings with three strikeouts covering the seventh and eighth allowed Boone to avoid Fernando Cruz and David Bednar to better position the Yankees for this weekend at Washington. In three outings since being re-promoted, Chivilli, in low leverage, has earned more chances with 4 ¹⁄₃ one-hit innings with, importantly, no walks, against his wild reputation.

But if this game is going to provide positive propulsion away from an 18-game death spiral that dropped the Yankees from first to second in the AL East, then McMahon's at-bat is going to have resonance.

The Yankees were 4-14 in that period and were last offensively in that time in runs, batting average, on-base percentage, slugging percentage, walk percentage, strikeout percentage and the entire slash line with runners in scoring position.

And they were facing Rasmussen, who had not allowed a run in 13 innings in two starts against the Yankees this year. And the All-Star's 0.93 career ERA against the Yanks was the best by anyone with five starts since earned runs became official in 1913 (thanks MLB Network research). Then he went six up, six down while Junior Caminero homered off Blackburn in the first to give Tampa Bay a 1-0 lead.

Schuemann, though, doubled on the first pitch of the third. So here came McMahon, who was 0-for-7 with six strikeouts in his career against Rasmussen. He fell behind 1-2. But he would foul off six pitches with two strikes and would see the arsenal doing so — four-seamer, cutter, changeup and sinker. McMahon said, "As you are fouling more pitches off, you are gaining more and more confidence."

The 12th pitch — tying Judge and Paul Goldschmidt for the longest at-bat by a Yankee in 2026 — was a cutter up, and McMahon hit the chalk down the right field line to drive home Scheumann. And you might have heard the exhale.

The Yanks had seven hits or fewer in 13 of the previous 14 games. They would get seven in this inning. The All-Star Rasmussen was knocked out, basically now turning this into a bullpen game for both teams, and the only Rays reliever who did not yield a run was third baseman Ben Williamson, who went 1-2-3 in a white flag ninth inning. The Yanks, 12-for-102 with runners in scoring position the previous 18 games, were 7-for-14.

"It was good to keep the foot on the gas there and keep that momentum going," Schuemann said.

It was a much-needed win that enabled the Yanks to split four games and remain four behind the Rays. If it indeed helps return the Yankees toward consistent high-end play, then McMahon's extended at-bat will be remembered throughout the long season.

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INJURY REPORT

- **Giancarlo Stanton** (right calf strain) has just started running again after suffering a "whole new injury" last month, Brian Cashman said Thursday. It is still a calf strain, but in a slightly different area, hence the slow buildup.
- Top prospect **George Lombard Jr.** (sprained fingers) has been hitting and doing field work, and could get into rehab games within the next week.

ON DECK

at Nationals

Friday, 6:45 p.m., YES, WFAN (660 AM, 101.9 FM)

LHP Ryan Weathers

2026 stats:
3-7, 4.29 ERA

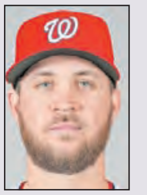
Career vs. WAS:
2-1, 6.20 ERA

Last start:
Sun., vs. MIN;
4 IP, 6 H, 4 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

28%	24%	20%
4-Seamer	Change	Sweeper

LHP Carson Palmquist



2026 stats:
0-1, 7.11 ERA

Career vs. NYY:
First start

Last start:
June 24, vs. PHI;
3.1 IP, 2 H, 1 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

39%	28%	20%
Sinker	Sweeper	4-Seamer

UP NEXT

SATURDAY: at Nationals, 4:05 p.m., YES, WFAN
RHP Cam Schlittler vs. RHP Miles Mikolas

SUNDAY: at Nationals, 1:35 p.m., YES, WFAN
RHP Will Warren vs. TBD

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STREAM IT OR SKIP IT

Xie Miao (far left) and **Joe Taslim** (left) make **“The Furious”** (VOD) a real spleen-rupturer of a watch. Action movie of the year? Sure looks like it. **OUR CALL: STREAM IT**

WHAT TO WATCH

Peacock is making a strong showing with **“The Five Star Weekend,”** a series based on Elin Hilderbrand’s 2023 novel of the same name. Boasting a fittingly five-star cast of **Jennifer Garner** (left), Regina Hall, Chloë Sevigny, D’Arcy Carden, and Gemma Chan, the series centers on Hollis Shaw (Garner), a food influencer who hosts a girls’ weekend on Nantucket while grieving the loss of her husband Matthew (Josh Hamilton).

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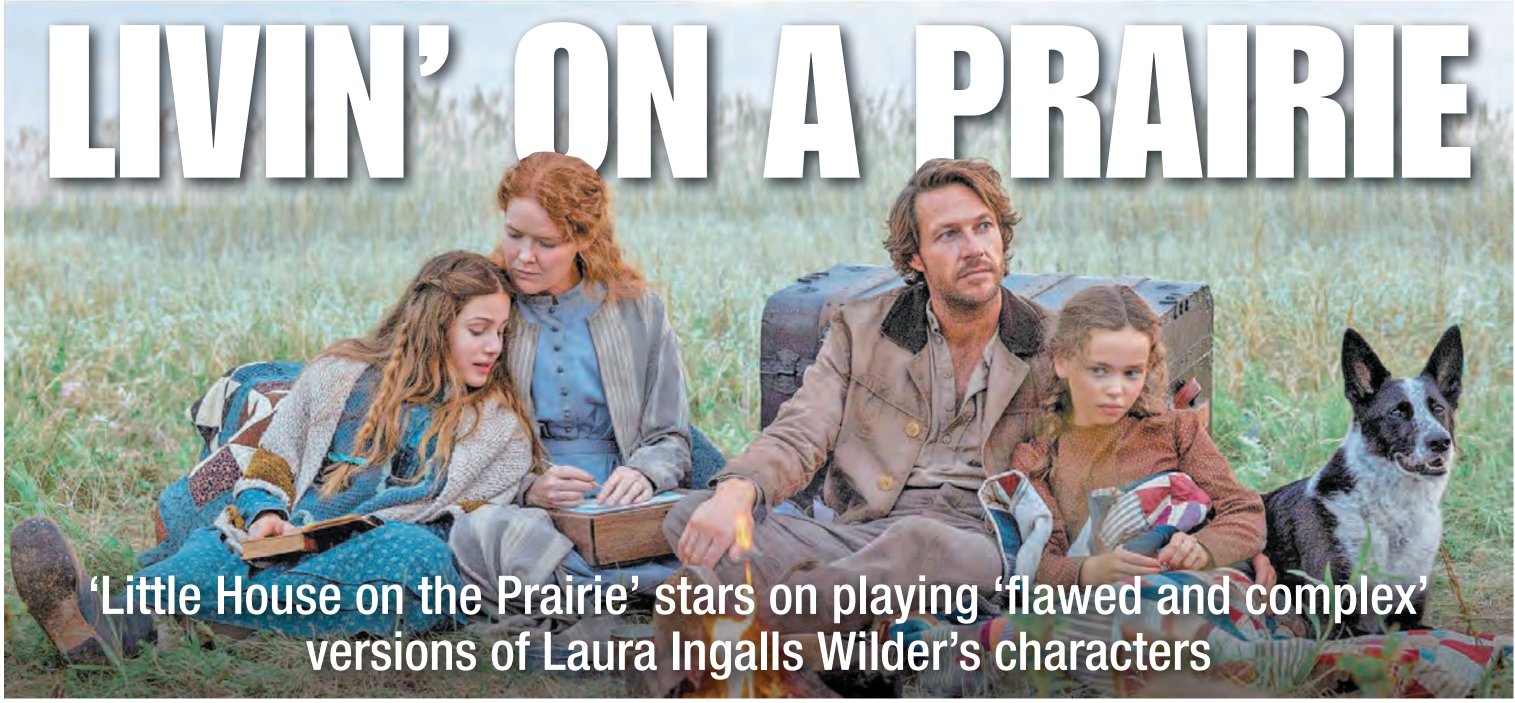
‘Little House on the Prairie’ stars on playing ‘flawed and complex’ versions of Laura Ingalls Wilder’s characters


Netflix

Left: Skywalker Hughes, Crosby Fitzgerald, Luke Bracey, and Alice Halsey. Below left: Jocko Sims, Fitzgerald, and Bracey.

By MEGHAN O’KEEFE

Netflix’s new “Little House on the Prairie” show follows young Laura Ingalls (Alice Halsey) as she travels with her family far from her childhood home in “the big woods” to start life over again in a, yes, little house on the prairie.

Fans of Laura Ingalls Wilder’s beloved book series will quickly recognize the tomboyish Laura, her perfect and prim older sister Mary (Skywalker Hughes), and even the family’s loyal dog, Jack. Two characters that might feel a little different, though, are Ma and Pa Ingalls.

Yes, “Little House on the Prairie” depicts Charles (Luke Bracey) and Caroline Ingalls (Crosby Fitzgerald) as Laura sees them through her pint-sized eyes — Pa as a rugged hero who can do no wrong and Ma as a brilliant beauty — but we also get glimpses of them as imperfect human beings. Charles is riddled with regrets about how he handled a delicate family situation and doesn’t always make the right calls. Caroline is repeatedly tempted to leave Charles and take the girls back home to the safety of her sisters’ house.

Over the course of the first season of “Little House on the Prairie,” we not only get to see Laura and Mary’s perception of their parents change, but their ideas of themselves evolve in turn.

“To me, that’s what made it so fun and so nice to do,” “Little House on the Prairie” star Crosby Fitzgerald told DECIDER last week. “I like that Caroline is a human who’s flawed and complex. That’s the most fun type of character to play, not just like a stock character of a mother or a wife. She is those things, but sort of multitudinous within those things, and I think that’s what’s exciting to attack.”

“Well, that’s what acting is, you know? Otherwise you’re not playing a human being. But we’re playing human beings and human beings aren’t perfect,” Luke Bracey said. “I mean, I do love that about Charles, is that he makes plenty of mistakes, but he wants to be a good man. He wants to be a good husband and he wants to be a father, a good member of the community, and I admire that in anyone.”

“So to be able to play someone like that — and someone who takes responsibility for times that he’s incorrect and makes mistakes — I think that’s a nice person to play and a good example to live up to and something that I really enjoy doing,” he said.

One aspect of Pa’s character that Netflix’s show carries straight from the books is his musicality. Pa’s fiddle comes out often over the course of the first season of “Little House on the Prairie,” with Ma, Mary, and Laura singing along for entertainment. These musical interludes are all over Ingalls Wilder’s books and the songs play an important role in the show.

“This is all they had,” Bracey said. “This was their entertainment. They loved singing as a family. They loved the music.”

“Yeah, this was their TV at the end of the day,” Fitzgerald said.

“It was it,” Bracey said. “And then on top of that, Alice and Skywalker, who play Laura and Mary, all they do is sing all day, every day with their incredible angelic voices, and so having them just singing along and loving music, it’s who they are anyway. So, it’s kind of true life. It’s us kind of dancing along and laughing while Alice and Skywalker sing beautiful songs every day.”

One thing about those scenes that’s not true to life? Bracey’s real-life fiddle skills.

“I’m going to lead you on a little secret here,” Bracey admitted, “I still don’t know how to fiddle.”

“I certainly wanted to look as capable as possible. The reality is, there’s no way I could learn how to play fiddle like Pa in three-and-a-half weeks. But one thing I wanted to do, I wanted to get it as close as possible, something I stressed quite a bit about in the first season was, do I actually look like I’m doing this?” he said.

“But I figured out what I needed to do for it to look like I was playing the fiddle. I knew that, like, the bow strokes were my key and if I could get them in the right spot, I think it would do what we needed to and then on top of that, as you say, it’s the atmosphere of these scenes with the fiddles.”

Overall, both Bracey and Fitzgerald stressed how much of a privilege it was to play Ma and Pa Ingalls in this new take on the classic books.

“Look, to play someone nice in a show that is nice, but that doesn’t shy away from inconvenience, and mistakes, and problems — that’s a real privilege. There’s very few things in the world like that,” Bracey said. “So I love being a part of this show for those reasons, that these people are humans, but they’re trying to be the best humans they can be, and that’s a nice thing to do every day at work.”

Disney

TRENDING NOW

“The Cheetah Girls: Next Gen” is heading to Disney Channel and Disney+! The cheetah-licious new film will feature original **“Cheetah Girls”** stars **Raven-Symoné** (center) and **Adrienne Bailon** (right) reprising their roles as Galleria and Chanel, while **Sabrina Bryan** (far left) will appear as Dorinda.

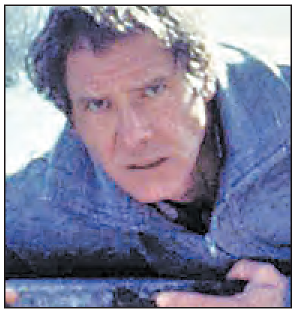
WHAT’S NEW

ON BRITBOX
“**Escape to the Country**,” a new season of the lifestyle series.

ON NETFLIX
“**Ikka**,” an Indian courtroom drama (left).

Best Bets

What's on Tonight



THRILLER

The Fugitive: 5 p.m. on AMC. Harrison Ford, Tommy Lee Jones. Dr. Kimble, unjustly accused of murder, must find the real killer while on the run.

FAMILY

Jumanji: 6 p.m. on SYFY. **Robin Williams**, Kirsten Dunst. A magical board game summons jungle perils and a missing boy.

DOCUMENTARY

Deadliest Catch: 8 p.m. on DSC. In the season premiere, Sig teaches Sophia how to captain the Northwestern at the Russian line.

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Evening	SP	C	F	6:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm	9:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	11:00pm	11:30pm
2 WCBS	2	2	2	CBS Evening News	Inside Edition	Entertainment Tonight	Big Brother		This Is UFC: McGregor vs. Holloway		Boston Blue: In The Name Of The Father (R)		CBS News 11pm	(11:35) Comics (R)
4 WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	(7:15) New York Live	Access Hollywood	America's Got Talent: Auditions 5 (R)				Dateline NBC		News 4 New York at 11	(11:35) Tonight Show
5 WNYW	5	5	5	Politics Unusual	Extra	TMZ	Summer of '94 (2026): The United States men's team shocked the soccer world at the 1994 World Cup.				The 10 O'Clock News		Good Night New York	Feud Favorites (R)
7 WABC	7	7	7	ABC World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune (R)	Celebrity Jeopardy! All Stars: QUARTERFINAL #2		20/20: Investigative journalists report on various news stories from around the world.				News	(11:35) Kimmel Live (R)
9 WWOR	9	9	9	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	The News on My 9	Politics Unusual	Chicago Fire: A Taste of Panama City (R)		The 10 O'Clock News	Family Feud (R)	Chicago Fire: Let It Burn (R)	
11 WPIX	11	11	11	PIX on Politics	Seinfeld: Chaperone	The Big Bang Theory	Penn & Teller: Fool Us: The Smallest Biggest (R)		Totally Funny Animals	Totally Funny Animals	PIX11 News at Ten		New York Nightcap	Seinfeld: Muffin Tops
13 WNET	13	13	13	BBC News America	The PBS News Hour		Washington Week	Firing Line	American Experience: JFK, Part 1 (R)				Amanpour and Company	
21 WLIW	21	21	21	(6:00) News	Inspector George Gently			The Brokenwood Mysteries			(10:05) Astrid: Immortal		BBC News	The Day
25 WNYE	25	22	25	The Civil	Made In New York Talks			Papa Ray's	Inside Pow	Artists Den Reprise		Short Film	NYU Journ	Cinema
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AMC	54	43	231	(5:00) The Fugitive (1993, Action) ★★★½			The Beekeeper (2024, Action) Jason Statham. R					Wrath of Man (2021) Jason Statham. R		
BBCAM	71	101	189	Law & Ordr	Law & Order: Shadow		Law & Order: Burned		Law & Order: Ritual		Law & Order		Law & Order: Expert	
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BRAVO	18	44	185	In City (R)	Ocean's Eleven (2001, Crime) George Clooney. PG-13 ★★★½					Ocean's Twelve (2004, Crime) George Clooney. PG-13 ★★½				
CNBC	15	24	102	Money	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	78	25	100	(6:00) Lead	Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper 360°		The Source with Kaitlan		CNN NewsNight		Laura Coates Live	
COMEDY	45	50	190	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daddy's Home (2015) ★★★	
DISC	66	27	120	Dead Catch	Deadliest Catch (R)		Deadliest Catch		(9:01) Mine Rescue (R)		Mine Rescue: Desert (R)		(11:01) Mine Rescue (R)	
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ESPN	28	36	70	Sports	X Games Chiba 2026				NBA Summer League Live.				SportsCenter	
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HALL		191	240	Long Lost Christmas (2022) Taylor Cole.			You, Me & The Christmas Trees (2021) NR				The Santa Class (2024, Holiday) Kimberley Sustad.			
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ID	23	171	123	Killers	Ice Cold Killers		Evil Lives Here		Evil Lives Here		Evil Lives Here		Evil Lives Here	
LIFE	62	45	140	(6:00) NCIS	NCIS: Singled Out		NCIS: Faking It		NCIS: Dead & Unburied		(10:03) NCIS: Witch Hunt		(11:03) NCIS: Sandblast	
MeTV	33	33	3	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy	Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Golden	Golden	Burnett	P. Mason
MSG	27	87	78	(6:00) NBA Summer League Live.			INTENNSE Tennis: Freeze vs. Smash Taped.				INTENNSE Tennis: Fortune vs. Rips Taped.			
MSG Plus	48	88	80	High Stake	Team Boxing League: Boston Butchers at NYC Attitude Replay.					Fight Sports				Team
MSNOW	14	23	103	Ari Melber	The Weeknight		All in with Chris Hayes		The Briefing Jen Psaki		Lawrence O'Donnell		The 11th Hour with Ali	
MTV	20	53	210	Bang	Friday (1995, Comedy) Ice Cube. R ★★★				Next Friday (2000, Comedy) Ice Cube. R ★★½				Friday After Next (2002) R	
NATGEO	65	162	121	Supersized	Cannibal Sharks (R)		Shark Eat Shark (R)		Shark	Shark	Shark	Shark	When Sharks: Gulf Fear	
NICK	6	121	252	TMNT	Sing 2 (2021, Family) Matthew McConaughey. PG ★★★½					Friends	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang
OWN	173	180	145	(6:00) Belle	Belle Collective		Belle Collective		Heart & Hustle: Houston		Heart & Hustle: Houston		Belle Collective	
PARMT	36	56	54	(6:00) Pitch Perfect (2012, Comedy) Anna Kendrick.				Pitch Perfect 2 (2015, Comedy) Anna Kendrick. PG-13 ★★★					Pitch Perfect (2012) ★★★	
SNY	26	60	77	Broadway Boxing: Broadway Boxing 2402				Yeah ...	Yeah ...	Yeah ...	Post Game	Sports	Sports	Sports
SYFY	17	48	180	(6:00) Jumanji (1995, Fantasy) PG ★★★			Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) PG ★★½				Fast X (2023, Action) Vin Diesel. PG-13 ★★½			
TBS	8	39	52	Bang	Bang	Bang	Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (2024) Michael Keaton. PG-13				(10:07) O Brother, Where Art Thou? (2000, Comedy)			
TCM	82	41	230	Knievel! ★	Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer NR		They Live by Night (1949, Thriller) Cathy O'Donnell.				Gun Crazy (1950, Crime) Peggy Cummins. NR ★★★½			
TLC	52	28	139	90 Day (R)	90 Day Fiancé (R)		90 Day Fiancé: More to Love: Actions				90 Day (R)	90 Day: Last (R)		90 Day (R)
TNT	3	37	51	(6:00) Barbie (2023, Comedy) Margot Robbie. ★★★				Just Go With It (2011, Comedy) Adam Sandler. PG-13 ★★½					Bad Teacher (2011) R ★★½	
TVLAND	85	34	241	Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	(9:20) Loves Raymond		Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens
USA	16	38	50	(6:00) Fire	Everything	Everything	WWE Friday Night Live.				Everything	Everything	Men	Men
VH1	19	52	217	Wife/Kids	Wife/Kids	Wife/Kids	Takers (2010, Action) Matt Dillon. PG-13 ★★½					Colombiana (2011) Zoe Saldana. ★★½		
WE	59	42	149	(5:28) Fool's Gold (2008, Adventure) ★★			Love After Lockup: Kick Rocks			This is Poly: Too Little		(10:31) Love After Lockup: Kick Rocks		
YES	53	89	76	MLB Baseball: New York Yankees at Washington Nationals. Live.						Postgame	YanksExtra	Talkin'	Sportico	Homegrown
HBO	511	301	400	Man Burn	Deadpool 2 (2018, Action) Ryan Reynolds. R ★★★½				Life, Larry	Life Larry	(10:14) Of the Dragon (R)		Life Larry	Man Burn
MAX	531	371	420	Final (2000)	Final Destination 2 (2003) Ali Larter. ★★½			(8:40) Final Destination 3 (2006, Horror)			(10:13) Final Destination 5 (2011) R ★★½			Final (2009)
MGM Plus	595		395	(6:20) Daddy's Home 2 (2017, Comedy)			The Naked Gun (2025) Liam Neeson.			Tropic thunder (2008)			(11:20) Airplane! (1980)	
PARSHO	551	321	365	(6:05) American Assassin (2017, Action)			The Chi: Ice Box		Django Unchained (2012, Western) Jamie Foxx. R ★★★★					The Gunman

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Ben Rice celebrates his two-run homer during the Yankees' six-run third inning — more runs than they had scored in a single game since June 17 — against Rays All-Star Drew Rasmussen. Rice added a three-run shot as the Yanks cruised to a much-needed 12-4 win.
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